



Wyndham Basketball Association – Junior Rep Program Technical Foul or Unsportsmanlike Foul - Policy

In basketball, fouls and violations are part of the game. It is expected that players will violate the rules. They and their teams suffer consequences for breaking rules. The ball may be awarded to the other team, free throws may be awarded, or a player may be disqualified by "fouling out".

There is a high tolerance for the normal, expected violations of rules because players are often learning the game, or playing in a community/amateur environment. But there is, and should be, far less tolerance for conduct that detracts from the positive, nurturing, and instructive environment to which the Wyndham Basketball Association (WBA) aspires, these are what we refer to as "behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike fouls". With all of this in mind, the WBA sets forth below, our policy on technical and unsportsmanlike fouls.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT: All behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike fouls involving player or coach conduct are to be reported within 24 hours of being received, in writing via email.

DUTY TO REPORT: The duty to report is on the head coach, this remains the case even if the head coach is the recipient of a technical foul.

REPORT MADE TO COACHING LEADS: The report must be made to the relevant WBA coaching lead, or in the absence of a coaching lead, reports can be made directly to the WBA player and coach development manager.

INITIAL WARNING: Any player or coach who receives a behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike foul in a game will receive an initial warning, this will be issued in writing by the WBA, and sent to your current email address as per your registration details. It is the responsibility of the player & coach to provide a current email address to the WBA.

REVIEW AND SUSPENSION: Any player or coach who receives a second behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike foul, within the same season, will be reviewed by the WBA, and in the absence of compelling circumstances, the player or coach shall be suspended for the next scheduled game, this will be issued in writing by WBA.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION: Any player or coach who receives two behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike fouls in the same game will be automatically suspended for the next two scheduled games. There are no exceptions to this rule. Even if the suspension would cause a player to miss his/her grand final, the suspension will stand.

CUMULATIVE TECHNICAL FOULS/SUSPENSION: Players or coaches who receive multiple behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike fouls, but not in the same game (no automatic suspension) will be reviewed by the WBA.

The WBA may impose any sanction upon a coach or a player who receives multiple behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike fouls. Sanctions include, but are not limited to suspension for one or more games, or removal from the team/representative program.

In determining whether a sanction is warranted, the WBA shall weigh the conduct involved, the coach's or player's prior disciplinary involvement, the coach's or player's contrition or lack thereof, and the necessity for a sanction. It is expected that coaches will uphold and demonstrate the highest ideals of sportsmanship. Therefore, absent compelling circumstances that shall include a plan of action of the coach to conform to expectations, a coach's third behavioural based technical foul in the same season will presumptively indicate at least a four-game suspension.

FAILURE TO REPORT: A coach who fails to report a behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike foul within the required time period will be suspended for a minimum of one game. The WBA will consider extending that suspension after a review of the failure to report. If it is concluded that the failure to report was knowing and intentional, additional sanctions will be imposed (representative programs).

RESCINDING TECHNICAL FOULS: Under no circumstances will the WBA rescind a behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike foul. It is beyond the capacity of the WBA to recreate game situations and evaluate the facts and circumstances that may lead to a behavioural based technical and unsportsmanlike foul. Therefore, the referee's decision on the matter is final and not subject to review.

INTENT/WARNINGS: The intent of the coach or player is irrelevant to automatic suspensions. The WBA may review intent when assessing additional or discretionary punishment. It is of no relevance that a referee did not warn a player or coach prior to issuing a technical foul as there is no such requirement in the rules.