



Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Darwin Basketball Association (DBA) have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Parents and Spectators in in all Junior and Senior competitions.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
 - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and scoretable personnel
 - Berate or abuse team officials
 - Berate or abuse players
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or DBA Representative

...will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Court Controller and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and get the Court Controller and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the Court Controller remove the parent or spectator. If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour they may stop the game and ask the Court Controller to observe and monitor the spectator. The Court Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator.

Any breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy are to be reported by the DBA Representative on the Zero Tolerance Report Form and sent to the DBA Executive officer who will review the Report and make a decision on whether further action is required under the DBA Tribunals By-law.

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at competitions and events conducted by or on behalf of DBA and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all basketball participants. DBA implores any parents or spectators who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend. Parents/spectators/organisations who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback through their team officials.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials and younger players.

This policy is not aimed at stifling or diminishing healthy supportive cheering or the ability of all spectators and parents to enjoy the spectacle of junior sport but rather to ensure that the support is done in a manner deemed appropriate under the DBA Codes of Conduct.