



# BEHAVIOURAL SUSPENSION PLAYING CONDITION

## PURPOSE

Waverley Basketball Association (WBA) is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants. As such, repeated poor behaviour resulting in a technical or disqualifying foul by a team member will not be tolerated. This is to ensure match officials feel supported and safe in their workplace but also that all other participants are able to enjoy the game.

## WHO IS THE RULE FOR?

The behavioural suspension playing condition is for all players and coaches participating in any WBA operated competition.

## HOW IT WORKS

Referees will be required to log all technical fouls, disqualifying fouls & unsportsmanlike fouls (O35s playing condition only) administered in WBA competitions.

Technical fouls will be split into 2 categories, rule-based technical fouls and behavioural technical fouls.

Examples of rule based technical fouls:

- Faking/flopping
- Delay of game
- Too many players on the court
- Bench technical for behaviour of bench players/team manager/assistant coach

Examples of behavioural technical fouls:

- Disrespectful communication with an official
- Abusing an official or opponent
- Audible obscenity
- Disputing decisions

As per below, each of the 4 foul types will have a points value attributed to them. Based on points accrued across a calendar year, a penalty will then be applied to the offending individual.

Point values are as follows:

Rule-based technical fouls = 0 points  
Behavioural technical fouls = 1 point  
Unsportsmanlike fouls (O35s) = 1 point  
Disqualifying fouls = 2 points

## PENALTIES

<b><u>Points Total</u></b>	<b><u>Penalty</u></b>
3 points accrued	Player/Coach to receive a 1 game suspension.
5 points accrued	Player/Coach to receive a 2 game suspension.
7 points accrued	Penalty to be determined by WBA Operations Manager.

## DISCLAIMERS

- All points are calculated on a year-by-year basis, with points tallies resetting at the commencement of a new calendar year.
- In the event an offender participates in multiple teams across WBA competition, any points & penalties accrued will only apply to the particular team in which the infractions occurred.
  - i.e. A player who receives a 1 game suspension while playing on a Monday would be permitted to play in another team, in a different WBA competition.
- Byes do not count towards suspension time.
- WBA Management reserve the right to remove a player from the competition for the remainder of the season and/or refuse registration for future seasons based on poor behaviour.
  - Behaviour across all teams the participant is associated with will be considered when applying this penalty.
- WBA Management also reserve the right to consider the individual circumstances when determining the application of these penalties.

# DISPUTES

Individual points tallies can be requested by the club delegate/team representative.

Club delegates and team representatives are the primary interface to WBA for these rules. Any disputes must be made via the approved club delegate/team representative within 5 business days.

All correspondence to WBA on this rule from club delegates/team representatives and its application must be in writing, clearly outlining the problem, question or clarification required.

WBA reserves the right to dismiss any issues or questions not raised via the club delegate/team representative channel.

In the event of a dispute, the decision of WBA shall be final.

All correspondence should be directed to:

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