

16. JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that our Junior Representative (Junior Tigers) teams are upholding the MCBA Values, MCBA and Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct in relation to referee interactions within the VJBL competition. This policy has been formed to encourage our Junior Representative teams to uphold these values and policies before league sanctioned suspensions are put in place as well as provide an educational touch point opportunity for our community to help prevent repeat offences.

Scope:

This policy applies to all junior representative teams including athletes and team staff and will be applied in the case of all Technical Fouls reported back to the MCBA management via VJBL reporting procedures. This policy will run in conjunction with the VJBL Behavioural Technical Foul Policy.

Technical Fouls received in VJBL Games:

When a Technical foul is given during a VJBL game the referees must submit an incident form to VJBL along with the fouls being recorded as such on the game day scoring system. The VJBL then provide the Association with a weekly report of all team staff and athletes that have received a technical foul. The Association does not receive the responses written by the referees when the weekly report is received.

The VJBL have their own policy that uses this data whereby the following is enacted:

- Two Tech Fouls: Automatic 1 Game Suspension
- Three Tech Fouls: Automatic 2 Game Suspension
- Four Tech Fouls: Automatic 4 Game Suspension
- Five Tech Fouls: Automatic 6 Game Suspension

Any team member to have received a technical foul will be in violation of this policy and, will be subject to the process outlined in this policy.

Internal Technical Foul Reporting:

If a technical foul is recorded in a VJBL game and reported back to the Association via the VJBL recording process then the person that the technical foul is against will be required to complete an internal online reporting form submission whereby they will need to provide a written statement back to the Association explaining why they received a technical foul.

This response will be reviewed by the MCBA Administration Manager for triaging of the appropriate next steps.

Athletes

Athlete statements will be reviewed and educational opportunities identified. The athlete will be contacted by Junior Tigers management after the response has been reviewed and education will be provided. In most cases this would be done via email. If the incident leading to the technical foul was deemed to be requiring a more in depth follow up or an athlete was a repeat offender then a meeting would be arranged to review the incident with the athlete and their family.

If this is the athletes first technical foul then the athlete would be placed on a 1 match internal suspension from their next VJBL game. The athlete would be expected to attend and participate in training and attend the match and sit on the bench.

If the athlete has 2 or more technical fouls then their suspension will be as per VJBL rule.

Team Staff

Team staff statements will be reviewed and educational opportunities identified. The team staff, including head coach, will be contacted by Junior Tigers management after the response has been reviewed and education will be provided. In most cases this would be done via email. If the incident leading to the technical foul was deemed to requiring a more in depth follow up or the team staff is a repeat offender then a meeting would be arranged to review the incident with the team staff, including the head coach.

Team staff will not receive an internal suspension for their first technical foul.

A report will be required for all technical fouls, where the technical foul was issued due to a non-behavioural call, ie. Stepping over the line multiple times on the baseline or putting hands over the line on an inbound an internal suspension will not be issued.

Implementation:

This policy shall be communicated to all members of the Junior Tigers VJBL program upon adoption and included in relevant organisational documents, including but not limited athlete-parent handbook and codes of conduct. All existing and new members of the Junior Tigers VJBL program shall be made aware of this policy and its requirements.

Enforcement:

Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the MCBA Administration Manager and the Head of High Performance. Any violations of this policy shall be addressed promptly and in accordance with established procedures for handling complaints and disciplinary action.

APPROVAL / VERSION CONTROL	
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