

Behavioural Technical Foul Policy

(Coach, Assistant Coach, Bench Staff & Players)



INTRODUCTION

Coaches, assistant coaches, bench staff and players who receive two or more behavioural technical fouls during the Basketball Tasmania playing calendar year, will have the following penalty applied.

TECH FOUL PENALTIES

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| • Two Tech Fouls: | Automatic 1 Week Suspension |
| • Three Tech Fouls: | Automatic 2 Weeks Suspension |
| • Four Tech Fouls: | Automatic 4 Weeks Suspension |
| • Five or more: | Referred to BTAS Tribunal |

(Technical fouls for flopping or delay of game, etc. will not be added to your quota)

* Please note that if a player or coach is ejected in a game, and both technical fouls are due to referee abuse, Basketball Tasmania may invoke an additional one game suspension. Should the behavior be directed toward a referee under 18 years old an additional 4 game suspension may apply.

TECH FOUL PROCEDURES

At the completion of each round, Basketball Tasmania will send an email to the Association Contact to inform them of any indiscretions during that week.

If they have received their first and only tech foul, we will issue you and the individual with their warning.

For their 2nd and further Behavioral Technical Fouls:

Basketball Tasmania will notify the association and the individual that the relevant person has been suspended from a Basketball Tasmania Competition and will provide the association contact with their return to competition date.

PROCESS FOR RECORDING TECHNICAL FOULS

Match Managers must inform referees that if they issue a behavioural technical foul to any relevant person, they are required to complete the BTAS Behavioural Technical Foul Reporting Form online at the end of the game, or by the end of the night at the latest.

If the form is not submitted, referee match fee payment may be withheld until the report is received. The incident report must include:

- A clear explanation of why the coach, assistant coach, or player received the behavioural technical foul; and
- The number of technical fouls issued.

If a coach, assistant coach, or player is also formally reported by the referee, this must be indicated on the form, and an additional official report must be submitted to Basketball Tasmania

Basketball Tasmania will publish a record of all BTF's weekly, once appeals processes have been finalised.

APPEALING A BEHAVIOURAL TECHNICAL FOUL OR PENALTY

Basketball Tasmania is committed to ensuring that the Behavioural Technical Foul Policy is applied fairly, reasonably, and in accordance with principles of natural justice. Coaches, assistant coaches, and players who receive a behavioural technical foul have the right to request a review by the Basketball Tasmania Competition Management (BTCM) team.

Appeals must:

- Be submitted within 48 hours of the individual being notified.
- Be lodged by the participant's association contact or delegate, and
- Be emailed to competitions@basketballtas.com.au.

BTCM will acknowledge receipt of the request within 24 hours, BTCM will review the appeal, and a decision will be communicated to the association delegate within 72 hours. The BTCM decision is final.

Participants involved in multiple competitions or teams may participate until the appeal outcome is finalised.

An appeal fee of \$110 in gst will apply, and charged to the CAM should the appeal be unsuccessful.

Timelines

- Game played – Behavioural Technical Foul issued
- Opportunity for appeal – within 48 hours of notification
- BTCM acknowledges appeal – within 24 hours
- BTCM/Appeals Committee review – within 72 hours
- Final verdict – within 6 days of the game

Additional Provisions

- Accumulation-based sanctions (e.g., a one-week suspension after two BTFs) will not take effect until the participant has been notified and given a reasonable opportunity to appeal, consistent with the timelines above.
- A participant may request a review if they believe the behavioural technical foul was:
 - Issued incorrectly,
 - Based on a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of their behaviour, or
 - Inconsistent with the intent of this policy.
- The BTCM may overturn or amend a sanction where evidence demonstrates that applying the original sanction would be unjust or inconsistent with the policy's intent.
- Referee education, consistency monitoring, and reporting will be key components of this policy's implementation to support fairness, safety, and behavioural improvement across the sport.

APPENDIX 1

BEHAVIOURAL TECH FOUL (BTF)

Unacceptable & disrespectful behaviour that occurs within the context of a game (player, coach, team manager, score bench) will be dealt with by use of a BTF. Players, coaches, or the team bench can be issued a BTF. The intent of a BTF is to de-escalate a situation.

The presiding referee will be responsible for monitoring on-court occurrences by using the BTF procedure as follows:

- Give a warning and advise behaviour is unacceptable
- If unacceptable behaviour continues, issue a BTF
- If unacceptable behaviour continues, issue a second BTF followed by ejection
- Referees are required to submit a BTF form for every BTF issued

While it is preferable and best practice that a warning be given in the first instance, a referee is not obliged to issue a warning if behaviour is considered excessive or past the point of de-escalation.

BTF reports should be submitted to Basketball Tasmania by the referee or match manager within 24 hours after a BTF is issued.

WHAT BEHAVIOUR CONSTITUTES A BEHAVIOURAL TECH FOUL (BTF)?

The following occurrences are considered instances that warrant a Behavioural Technical Foul but are not limited to:

- Aggressive or excessive motioning of the arms, holding arms in the air following a call for a prolonged period of time
- Aggressive or sarcastic hand claps/pointing directed at an official or opposition player or showing resentment for a call or non-call
- Running towards or aggressively approaching a referee or opposition player
- Aggressively shouting a reaction to a call or using profanity
- Extended or prolonged complaining about or questioning a call, particularly after being asked to stop
- Aggressively or unnecessarily attempting to demonstrate actions such as travelling or verticality after a foul call
- Not responding to a verbal warning by repeating the action (or some other disrespectful action)