

MELBOURNE EAST BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION & GEBC

Behavioural Management Framework

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INTRODUCTION

Sport in Australia is at a crossroads with an ever-increasing challenge of abuse directed at officials. Associations will tell you the hardest part of their operations is getting and keeping good officials. However, the question must be asked: why does it fall on our officials to simply be resilient? Abuse is bullying, plain and simple, and should not be present in any sport directed at any person.

Most people in community sport do the right thing. They acknowledge and accept the social contract to protect officials — because without them, there is no game. Officials, for the most part, are young people starting their officiating journey. They will make mistakes, just as we all do at our jobs.

Parents sign their children up for team sport because they see value in what it offers: mateship, freedom, the thrill of competition, respect for opposition, and the lessons in winning and losing well. Community sport can also be where poor attitudes towards officials take root, as children observe adults modelling poor behaviour.

THE MEBA TAKES A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TOWARDS ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS. IT IS TIME TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE. REFEREES MUST BE THANKED, NOT ABUSED.

PURPOSE

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The purpose of this Framework is to ensure that all participants within the Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions of the Melbourne East Basketball Association (MEBA) can enjoy a safe, positive, and rewarding environment that is free from all forms of abuse, harassment, and bullying.

This Framework reflects best practice of bodies such as Sport Australia and directly supports the Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-Laws to provide a clear, consistent, and fair system of behaviour management across all MEBA competitions.

The MEBA is striving for a culture where: Respect is shown by everyone, to everyone — respectful communication is the standard — participants are part of the solution — and positive supporter behaviour is the accepted norm.

SCOPE

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This Framework applies to ALL people participating in and attending competitions conducted by the MEBA and GEBC, including:

- Coaches and Assistant Coaches (Junior and Senior)
- Team Managers
- Players (Junior and Senior)
- Spectators
- Scorebench Officials
- Venue Staff and Competition Administrators

This Framework is to be used in conjunction with the MEBA Junior Domestic Competition By-Laws (Sections 5 and 9), MEBA Senior Domestic Competition By-Laws, Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-Laws, and Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct. In the event of any inconsistency between this Framework and the Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-Laws, the BV Tribunal By-Laws shall prevail in respect of matters referred to the BV Tribunal.

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For the purposes of this Framework, the following terms apply across both Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions:

Term	Definition
“Club”	A group of teams registered under a consistent name and logo, recognised as a Member Club or Other Club of the MEBA.
“Independent Team (Junior)”	A standalone team registered solely to play in a Junior MEBA Domestic Competition, not affiliated with a Club.
“Independent Team (Senior)”	All teams in the Senior Domestic Competition are treated as Independent Teams for the purposes of this Framework, regardless of any informal club association.
“Club Delegate (Junior)”	The nominated representative of a Club or Independent Team. The primary point of contact for all competition communications.
“Club Captain (Senior)”	The equivalent of Club Delegate for Senior Domestic Competition. The nominated Team Captain is the primary contact for independent senior teams.
“Responsible Person”	The individual to whom invoices and formal communications are directed: Club (Junior or Senior) = Club Delegate; Junior Independent Team = person who registered the team; Senior Independent Team = Team Captain.
“Team Fine”	A financial penalty imposed against a team or club under this Framework, invoiced to the Responsible Person.

CONNECTION TO BASKETBALL VICTORIA TRIBUNAL**CONNECTION TO BASKETBALL VICTORIA TRIBUNAL**

The MEBA operates under the authority of Basketball Victoria (BV) and administers its tribunal functions through members appointed to the MEBA Tribunal Panel, acting on behalf of BV in accordance with the BV Tribunal By-Laws (effective 1 April 2016).

When Does a Matter Go to the BV Tribunal?

The following matters must be referred to the BV Tribunal rather than managed solely under this Framework:

- Physical assault of any person (BV By-Law 18.2(x))
- Threatening or violent conduct directed at any person (BV By-Law 18.2(q), (r))
- Conduct that brings the game into disrepute (BV By-Law 18.2(u))
- Spitting at or on any person (BV By-Law 18.2(o))
- Deliberately endangering the safety or health of any person, including incidents involving blood/body fluids (BV By-Law 18.2(t))
- Fighting (BV By-Law 18.2(l))
- Any conduct occurring by email, telephone, computer, or social media including cyberbullying, directly related to a basketball activity (BV By-Law 2.3)
- Any matter where the referee or official submits a formal BV Tribunal Report Form
- Any post-match conduct directed at a referee or official

MEBA-Managed Matters

The following matters are managed within this Framework by MEBA Competition Administration and do not automatically proceed to the BV Tribunal:

- Behavioural Technical Fouls (individual and team thresholds)
- Spectator Ejections and associated team penalties
- Team Premiership Point deductions for collective behaviour
- Team/Club Fines for behaviour incidents during Grading and Finals periods
- Minor on-court dissent not rising to the level of a Tribunal report

Important: MEBA penalties under this Framework do not replace or reduce any penalty that may be separately imposed by the BV Tribunal. Both can operate concurrently. Where a matter is referred to the BV Tribunal, Competition Administration will also assess whether any separate MEBA Framework penalty applies.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADHERENCE

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Each Club or Independent Team is responsible for the behaviour of their team as a collective group, including all players, coaches, team officials and associated spectators.

Responsibility Level	Who is Responsible
Club — Junior	Club Delegate and Club Committee — responsible for all teams, coaches, players and spectators affiliated with the Club.
Independent Team — Junior	The person who registered the team — responsible for all players, coaches and associated spectators.
Senior (all teams treated as independent)	Team Captain — responsible for all players, coaches and associated spectators. Where a senior team is affiliated with a Club, the Club Delegate holds this responsibility.
Individual game — Junior	Head Coach (or Team Manager where Coach is under 18 years of age) — responsible for bench conduct and all associated spectators at that game.
Individual game — Senior	Head Coach or Team Captain where no Coach is present — responsible for bench conduct and all associated spectators at that game.
Scorebench	Each teams nominated scorer must act as an impartial official and adhere to all scorebench conduct requirements.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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Players — Junior and Senior

Players must at all times:

- Abide by the BV Players Code of Conduct.
- Not persistently question or challenge a referees decision, nor make overly verbal or animated objections including (but not limited to) swearing, sarcastic clapping, stepping up, slamming or throwing the ball away.

- Not make statements of an abusive nature towards a referee, including (but not limited to): (i) Performance or competence; (ii) Racial discrimination; (iii) Gender or sexuality-based remarks; or (iv) Perceived bias of a referee.
- Address any query or complaint about a referees decision through their coach only.
- Not photograph, film or follow referees before, during or after any game.

Coaches — Junior and Senior

Coaches must at all times:

- Abide by the BV Coaches Code of Conduct.
- Not persistently question or challenge a referees decision, nor make overly verbal or animated objections including (but not limited to) swearing, sarcastic clapping, stepping up or aggressive gesturing.
- Not make statements of an abusive nature towards a referee, including (but not limited to): (i) Performance or competence; (ii) Racial discrimination; (iii) Gender or sexuality-based remarks; or (iv) Perceived bias of a referee.
- Only ask referees questions (without malice) relating to a rule or By-Law interpretation, at an appropriate time, not during live play except to respond to referee-initiated communication or to point out emergencies or player safety issues.
- Not photograph, film or follow referees before, during or after any game.
- Actively manage the behaviour of their bench and associated spectators and address poor conduct immediately.

Senior Competition — Spectator Responsibility: In the Senior Domestic Competition, the Team Captain is the Responsible Person for spectator conduct at each game. The Team Captain must actively manage the behaviour of all spectators associated with their team and address poor conduct immediately.

Spectators — Junior and Senior

Spectators must at all times:

- Abide by the BV Spectator Code of Conduct.
- Not enter the playing area at any time and must not impede the referees path of travel.
- Not approach referees at all, including before, during, or after any game.
- Not engage, question, challenge, abuse, threaten or ridicule the referees or any decisions by any means including (but not limited to) swearing, sledging, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, condescension, or discriminatory comments at any time.
- Not provide unsolicited advice to referees such as watching specific players or counting time in the key.
- Not approach or engage with the scorebench about a score, foul, or timing discrepancy.
- Not abuse scorebench officials, opposition coaches, players or other spectators by any means.
- Not photograph, film or follow referees before, during or after any game.

Scorebench Officials

Scorebench officials are considered officials of the game and must:

- Be diligent in fulfilling scoring duties;
- Report any scorebench discrepancies to the referees immediately;
- Act in an unbiased manner at all times;

- Not cheer for either team or abuse referees; and
- Refrain from cheating.

If a team is concerned with the competency of a scorebench official, the Coach or Team Captain may request the referee or venue supervisor investigate whether the person should be replaced. The decision is final.

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The Framework operates across four escalating components:

Component	Description	Managed By	
1. Community Education	Advertising campaigns, venue posters, coach registration confirmation, Play By The Rules course completion.	MEBA / Clubs	
2. Tech Foul Suspensions	Individual suspensions for players and coaches accumulating behavioural tech fouls across a season.	MEBA Competition Admin	
3. Team & Club Penalties	Loss of premiership points and/or team fines where collective team or spectator behaviour is poor.	MEBA Competition Admin	
4. BV Tribunal	Serious incidents referred for formal hearing. BV Tribunal penalties may be supplemented by MEBA Framework penalties.	BV Tribunal / MEBA	

BEHAVIOURAL TECHNICAL FOUL SUSPENSIONS

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A Behavioural Technical Foul (Category ONE) is one in which a player or coach shows dissent by word or action towards any official of the match, including referees, supervisors and scorebench officials. This includes the conduct described in the MEBA Competition By-Laws (Clause 61 — Junior; Clause 46 — Senior).

The suspension scale differs between Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions as of the 2026 revision. Junior remains weeks-based; Senior has reverted to a games-based scale (see SDC By-Laws Clause 46.6).

Junior Domestic Competition — Individual Suspension Scale

Tech Fouls in Season	Penalty
1 Tech Foul	Warning — Responsible Person notified
2 Tech Fouls	Automatic 1 Week Suspension
3 Tech Fouls	Automatic 2 Week Suspension
4 Tech Fouls	Automatic 4 Week Suspension
5 Tech Fouls	Automatic 6 Week Suspension
6+ Tech Fouls	Mandatory BV Tribunal Referral

Senior Domestic Competition — Individual Suspension Scale

Tech/Disqualifying Fouls in Season	Penalty
1st – 3rd Technical or Disqualifying Foul	Warning — Responsible Person notified
4th Technical or Disqualifying Foul	Automatic 1 Game Suspension
5th Technical or Disqualifying Foul	Automatic 2 Game Suspension
6th Technical or Disqualifying Foul	Automatic 3 Game Suspension + formal show cause

Tech/Disqualifying Fouls in Season	Penalty
7th Technical or Disqualifying Foul	Automatic suspension for the remainder of season including finals

Note: The Senior scale is measured in games, not calendar weeks, and applies to the Senior Domestic Competition only — see SDC By-Laws Clause 46.6. The Junior scale above is unchanged and continues to apply to the Junior Domestic Competition per JDC By-Laws Clause 61.4.

Bench Tech Foul Rule: Where a behavioural technical foul is issued to the team bench rather than a specifically identified individual, it shall be assigned to the Head Coach and added to the Coach season tally. In Senior competitions where no Coach is present, it shall be assigned to the Team Captain. Where the offending individual is clearly identified as someone other than the Coach or Captain, Competition Administration may at its discretion reassign the tech foul to that individual.

Ejection Double-Count Rule: If a player or coach is ejected from a game and both technical fouls relate to referee abuse, Competition Administration may invoke an additional match suspension beyond the standard scale above.

TEAM TECHNICAL FOUL PENALTY — SLIDING SCALE

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Where a team displays consistently poor behaviour resulting in multiple technical fouls collectively across a season, that team shall be penalised through the loss of Premiership Points. This team-based penalty addresses situations where multiple individuals each receive only one tech foul (a warning only), yet as a collective the team persistently fails to meet the expected standard of behaviour.

This penalty applies to both Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions, though the thresholds differ as of the 2026 revision — Senior now allows more warning-only fouls before points deductions begin (see SDC By-Laws Clause 46.7). Where end-of-season points penalties cannot be applied, they are automatically converted to monetary fines per the Conversion Table below.

Junior Domestic Competition — Team Technical Foul Sliding Scale

Team Season Total	Points Penalty	Additional Action
1 – 3 Tech Fouls	No deduction — formal written warning to Responsible Person	Warning logged on record
4 Tech Fouls	1 Premiership Point deducted	Responsible Person notified
5 Tech Fouls	2 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	Responsible Person notified
6 Tech Fouls	3 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	Formal show cause issued
7 Tech Fouls	5 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	BV Tribunal referral considered
8+ Tech Fouls	7 Premiership Points deducted + \$250 fine	Mandatory BV Tribunal referral

Senior Domestic Competition — Team Technical Foul Sliding Scale

Team Season Total	Points Penalty	Additional Action
1 – 6 Tech Fouls	No deduction — formal written warning to Responsible	Warning logged on record

Team Season Total	Points Penalty	Additional Action
	Person	
7 Tech Fouls	1 Premiership Point deducted	Responsible Person notified
8 Tech Fouls	2 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	Responsible Person notified
9 Tech Fouls	3 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	Formal show cause issued
10 Tech Fouls	4 Premiership Points deducted (cumulative)	BV Tribunal referral considered
11+ Tech Fouls	5 Premiership Points deducted + \$250 fine	Mandatory BV Tribunal referral

Note: The Senior scale reflects a 2026 revision extending the warning-only band from 3 to 6 team tech fouls, with all subsequent thresholds shifted accordingly. See SDC By-Laws Clause 46.7. The Junior scale is unchanged — see JDC By-Laws Clause 61.5.

Reset Rule: The team tech foul tally resets to zero at the commencement of each new season. Individual player/coach tallies also reset each season. Spectator ejection tallies do NOT reset — they are cumulative across all seasons.

CONVERSION OF POINTS PENALTIES TO FINES

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Where a Premiership Points penalty is imposed under this Framework but cannot be meaningfully applied — because the season has concluded, a Finals points penalty cannot be carried to an identifiable future team, or the team concerned is a Senior independent team that may not return — the outstanding points penalty shall be automatically converted to a monetary fine as follows:

Points Penalty Unconverted	Converted Fine Amount
1 Premiership Point	\$50
2 Premiership Points	\$100
3 Premiership Points	\$150
5 Premiership Points	\$250
7 Premiership Points	\$350
Per additional point beyond 7	\$50 per point

Why conversion to fines? Teams change composition season to season. Players move age groups, new teams form, and independent teams may not re-enter. Converting uncollectable points penalties to fines ensures accountability follows the responsible individuals rather than falling on future innocent teammates. No player may re-register with any team until any outstanding converted fine relating to their previous team has been paid.

PAYMENT OF FINES

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Who Gets Invoiced

Team / Competition Type	Responsible Person (Invoiced)
Junior — Club-affiliated team	The Club. Invoice issued to the Club Delegate.
Junior — Independent Team	The person who registered the team with Competition Management for that season.
Senior — All teams	The Team Captain, as registered with Competition Management. Where a senior team is formally affiliated with a Club, the Club Delegate will be invoiced.

Payment Terms

- All invoices must be paid within 7 days of the date of invoice.
- Where an invoice remains unpaid after 7 days, that team shall not be permitted to play any further games until the invoice is paid in full. Each game scheduled while the invoice remains unpaid will be recorded as a Walkover against the team.
- In addition to the outstanding fine, a Walkover Fee will apply for each game forfeited while the invoice remains unpaid, at the rate prescribed in the applicable By-Laws.
- Any team with an outstanding unpaid invoice at the commencement of Finals shall not be permitted to participate in Finals until all outstanding amounts are paid in full.
- No player, coach, or team associated with an unpaid fine may re-register with any MEBA competition in any subsequent season until all outstanding amounts are paid in full.

Non-payment escalation: Where a fine remains unpaid for more than 30 days, the matter may be referred to the MEBA Board. The Board may impose further sanctions including suspension from the competition, referral to debt collection, and/or reporting to Basketball Victoria. Individual registered players of the team remain jointly liable for their share of any unpaid fine in accordance with MEBA By-Laws.

Note — Senior Domestic Competition: As of the 2026 revision, payment terms for SDC fees, fines and charges (including behavioural fines) are set out directly in SDC By-Laws Clause 71.6, rather than by reference to this Framework. The terms are the same 7-day / walkover structure set out above, so the practical outcome is unchanged — SDC By-Laws Clause 71.6 is simply now the authoritative source for Senior. The terms in this section continue to apply directly to the Junior Domestic Competition.

BEHAVIOUR DURING THE GRADING PERIOD

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Although Premiership Points are not awarded during the Grading Period, behaviour standards apply equally during Grading as they do during the Regular Season. The Grading Period is not a free period for poor behaviour.

Individual Technical Fouls — Grading Period

All individual Behavioural Technical Fouls received during the Grading Period count towards a players or coachs season tally and are subject to the same suspension scale.

Team Tech Foul Tally — Grading Period

Technical fouls received during the Grading Period contribute to the teams season tech foul tally. Where a Junior team accumulates 4 or more team tech fouls, or a Senior team accumulates 7 or more team tech fouls (per each competition's Team Technical Foul Sliding Scale above), wholly or partly during the Grading Period, applicable Premiership Point deductions shall be applied as a negative deduction to the teams points tally at the commencement of the Regular Season, effectively starting with a negative points balance.

Behaviour Fines — Grading Period

The following fines apply for behaviour incidents during the Grading Period. All fines invoiced to the Responsible Person.

Incident	Fine
Junior team reaches 4 team tech fouls during Grading	\$50 fine + written warning
Senior team reaches 7 team tech fouls during Grading	\$50 fine + written warning
Spectator ejected during Grading	\$75 fine per ejection + 1 point deduction at Regular Season commencement
Post-match incident during Grading (no Tribunal)	\$100 fine per incident
Failure to provide ejected spectator details within 72 hours	\$150 fine + escalation to potential team removal

Grading Points Penalty — Conversion: Where a Grading Period points penalty cannot be applied at the start of the Regular Season because the team has withdrawn or been removed, the penalty is immediately converted to a monetary fine per the Conversion Table and invoiced to the Responsible Person.

BEHAVIOUR DURING FINALS

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The Finals Period carries heightened stakes for all participants. Behaviour standards are correspondingly higher and penalties are more severe. The following provisions apply to all Finals matches in both Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions.

BV Tribunal or Team Fine — Finals Behaviour

Incident During Finals	Management Pathway
Physical assault, threats, violence, spitting, or conduct bringing the game into disrepute	Mandatory BV Tribunal referral. Team fine also imposed per table below.
Post-match approach to referee or official	Mandatory BV Tribunal Report submitted. Team fine also imposed per table below.
Spectator ejected during Finals	Competition Framework penalty (below) + mandatory BV Tribunal report if conduct is serious.
Tech foul issued during Finals	Counts to season tally. Team fine also imposed per table below.
Bench tech foul during Finals	Assigned to Coach or Captain. Team fine also imposed per table below.

Team Fines — Finals. All fines invoiced to the Responsible Person:

Finals Incident	Team Fine
Any individual Behavioural Technical Foul during Finals (player or coach)	\$100 per tech foul
Bench tech foul during Finals	\$150
Spectator ejected during Finals	\$200 per ejection. Points-carry converted to \$150 fine per point (see Conversion Table)
Post-match incident — BV Tribunal referred	\$300 fine (in addition to BV Tribunal penalty)
Matter referred to BV Tribunal arising from Finals	\$300 fine (in addition to BV Tribunal penalty)
Failure to provide ejected spectator details within 72 hours (Finals)	\$300 fine + walkover applied to that Finals match

Finals Points Conversion: Any Premiership Points penalty that would ordinarily be carried forward from Finals is automatically converted to a monetary fine per the Conversion Table. This applies to Club-affiliated teams, Junior Independent Teams and Senior Independent Teams alike. The fine is invoiced immediately upon Finals conclusion.

RECORDING & REPORTING

RECORDING OF BEHAVIOURAL TECHNICAL FOULS

Where a referee issues a technical foul to a player or coach during a game, the referee must log each tech foul via the prescribed Behaviour Log JotForm at the end of the game or by the end of the days fixture. An explanation of why the technical foul was issued is required on the form.

If a player or coach is also reported by the referee, this must be indicated on the Behaviour Log Form and the official BV Tribunal Report Form must also be submitted to Competition Administration in accordance with BV Tribunal By-Law 9.

Weekly Reporting

After the completion of each round, Competition Administration will review all tech foul logs and send a summary email to the Responsible Person of each Club/Team. Where a first tech foul has been received, the formal warning will be issued at this time. For any player or coach who has received their 2nd or subsequent tech foul, Competition Administration will advise of the applicable suspension and return date.

SPECTATOR EJECTIONS

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Ejection Procedure

Where spectators are acting in contravention of this Framework or the BV Code of Conduct, the referee will stop play and advise the coach (Junior) or Team Captain (Senior) directly, or request the venue supervisor to issue a formal warning. If the behaviour continues, the referee will eject the spectator(s). Ejected spectators must leave immediately or a BV Tribunal Report will be lodged.

Spectator Ejection Suspension Scale

Spectator ejections are cumulative across ALL seasons and DO NOT reset.

Ejection Number	Junior Penalty	Senior Penalty
1st Ejection	1 Week Venue Ban	1 Week Venue Ban

Ejection Number	Junior Penalty	Senior Penalty
2nd Ejection	3 Week Venue Ban + BV Tribunal report	3 Week Venue Ban + BV Tribunal report
3rd Ejection	Removal from Club/Competition + mandatory BV Tribunal	Removal from Club/Competition + mandatory BV Tribunal

Team Loss of Premiership Points / Fine — Spectator Ejections

Season Context	Penalty
Regular Season ejection	1 Premiership Point lost per person ejected (or converted to \$50 fine if season concludes with points unexpired)
Grading Period ejection	1 Premiership Point deducted at commencement of Regular Season (or converted to \$50 fine if team does not continue to Regular Season)
Finals ejection	\$200 fine per ejection + points penalty converted immediately to fine per Conversion Table

SPECTATOR IDENTIFICATION — 72-HOUR RULE

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Where officials are unable to ascertain the name of an ejected spectator, the Club or team associated with the individual must provide Competition Administration with the individual full name and contact details within 72 hours of being requested.

Failure to Comply — 72-Hour Rule: Regular Season / Grading: The team will be removed from the competition and charged a Walkover Fee for each game missed until the information is provided. Finals: The team will be charged a walkover for the relevant Finals match and a \$300 fine will apply, in addition to any other penalties. The fine is invoiced immediately to the Responsible Person. The 72-hour window applies to both Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions. In Senior competitions, the Team Captain is responsible for providing spectator details within the required timeframe.

Proactive Spectator Conduct Management

Clubs and teams are strongly encouraged to proactively identify team-associated spectators at each game, particularly during Finals. Competition Administration may require any Club or team with prior behaviour incidents to maintain a spectator contact register. Failure to maintain such a register when directed will constitute a breach of these By-Laws.

POST-MATCH INCIDENTS

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Where a player, coach or spectator approaches a referee after a game to engage, question, challenge, abuse, threaten or ridicule the referee, the referee must submit a BV Tribunal Report in accordance with BV Tribunal By-Law 9. In addition, the following MEBA Framework penalties apply:

Season Context	Team Penalty (in addition to any BV Tribunal penalty)
Regular Season / Grading — BV Tribunal finding of guilty	3 Premiership Points deducted from season tally + \$100 fine invoiced to Responsible Person
Finals — BV Tribunal finding of guilty	Points penalty converted to fine per Conversion Table + \$300 fine invoiced to Responsible Person

MULTIPLE SPECTATOR INCIDENTS

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Where an individual team is logged on more than two (2) occasions in a season for spectator incidents including ejections and/or Tribunal reports, that team may be removed from the competition for the remainder of that season. Where a team is removed:

- The team will be charged a Walkover Fee for all matches remaining until the end of the Regular Season, invoiced to the Responsible Person;
- Registered players of that team shall not be permitted to join any other Club or team until all outstanding fees and fines have been paid; and
- The Responsible Person must appear before Competition Management and/or the MEBA Board to address the ongoing conduct issues before any re-entry to the competition is considered.

APPEALS

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Appeals — Individual Behavioural Tech Fouls

Players and coaches who receive a Behavioural Technical Foul have the right to appeal to the MEBA Competition Appeals Committee by close of business on the next business day after notification.

- The appeal must be submitted via email through the Responsible Person.
- The appeal must be accompanied by a \$50 payment.
- The review will be completed within 48 business hours of receipt.
- The MEBA Competition Appeals Committee decision is final.

Appeals — Team Penalties and Fines

Clubs/teams wishing to appeal a Premiership Point deduction, converted fine, or team fine imposed under this Framework must lodge an appeal in writing through the Responsible Person to Competition Management within 72 hours of the penalty notification.

- Appeals must be accompanied by a \$140 bond (refundable if successful) per MEBA By-Laws Clause 66.5 (Junior) / Clause 51.5 (Senior).
- The Appeals Panel will consist of 3 members appointed by the MEBA Board, none of whom were involved in the original determination.
- Appeals will only be granted on grounds specified in the applicable MEBA By-Laws: significant new information or investigation procedural error.
- The Appeals Panel decision is final. Payment obligations are not suspended during an appeal unless Competition Administration expressly grants a stay.

Appeals — BV Tribunal Matters

Appeals against BV Tribunal penalties are governed exclusively by the BV Tribunal By-Laws (Part 5). A notice of appeal must be lodged within 14 days of the Tribunal finding (BV Tribunal By-Law 20.1). There is a single right of appeal and the Appeal Tribunal decision is final (BV Tribunal By-Law 25.1).

ASSOCIATION SUSPENSION LOADINGS

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Where a person is found guilty by the BV Tribunal of an offence directed at or involving an official who is a minor (under 18 years of age), the MEBA will apply an additional loading to the penalty. This loading is applied by Competition Administration and is separate from and in addition to any penalty imposed by the BV Tribunal. It does not form part of the BV Tribunal order and is administered under this Framework.

Suspension Loading

The following additional weeks are added to the BV Tribunal-imposed suspension:

Base Suspension Imposed by BV Tribunal	MEBA Additional Loading
1 to 3 weeks	+ 1 week
4 to 6 weeks	+ 2 weeks
7 to 9 weeks	+ 3 weeks
10 weeks or more	+ 25% of base suspension, rounded up to the nearest whole week

Fine Loading

Where the BV Tribunal imposes a fine (whether in addition to or instead of a suspension) and the offence was directed at an official under 18 years of age, the MEBA will add a loading of 25% of the Tribunal-imposed fine, rounded up to the nearest \$25.

Scope of This Provision

For the purposes of this provision, an official includes referees, scorebench officials, venue supervisors, and any other match or competition official performing a role at the time of the conduct.

For the avoidance of doubt, conduct directed at an official includes verbal abuse, physical conduct, post-match approaches, and any conduct by email, telephone, social media or other means that is directly related to that official role in a basketball activity.

Note: The loading applies to BV Tribunal findings only. MEBA automatic suspensions under the tech foul scale do not attract this loading, even where the conduct was directed at an official under 18 years of age. The Tribunal process independently determines whether conduct warrants a formal finding before any loading is applied.

QUICK REFERENCE SUMMARY

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Individual Suspensions

Junior Domestic Competition

Trigger	Suspension	Applies To	Notes
1 Tech Foul	Warning	Players & Coaches	Season tally begins
2 Tech Fouls	1 Week	Players & Coaches	Automatic
3 Tech Fouls	2 Weeks	Players & Coaches	Automatic
4 Tech Fouls	4 Weeks	Players & Coaches	Automatic
5 Tech Fouls	6 Weeks	Players & Coaches	Automatic
6+ Tech Fouls	BV Tribunal	Players & Coaches	Mandatory referral

Senior Domestic Competition (*games-based* — see SDC By-Laws Clause 46.6)

Trigger	Suspension	Applies To	Notes
1st – 3rd Tech/Disqualifying Foul	Warning	Players & Coaches	Season tally begins
4th Tech/Disqualifying Foul	1 Game	Players & Coaches	Automatic
5th Tech/Disqualifying Foul	2 Games	Players & Coaches	Automatic
6th Tech/Disqualifying Foul	3 Games	Players & Coaches	+ formal show cause
7th Tech/Disqualifying Foul	Suspension for remainder of season including finals	Players & Coaches	+ BV Tribunal referral considered

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Trigger	Suspension	Applies To	Notes
1st Spectator Ejection	1 Week Venue Ban	Spectator	Cumulative, no reset
2nd Spectator Ejection	3 Week Venue Ban	Spectator	+ BV Tribunal report
3rd Spectator Ejection	Removal	Spectator	Mandatory BV Tribunal

Team Penalties — All convert to fines if points cannot be applied**Junior Domestic Competition**

Trigger	Penalty	Who is Invoiced
1-3 Team Tech Fouls	Written warning only	Responsible Person notified
4 Team Tech Fouls	-1 Premiership Point (or \$50 fine)	Responsible Person
5 Team Tech Fouls	-2 Points (or \$100 fine)	Responsible Person
6 Team Tech Fouls	-3 Points + show cause (or \$150 fine)	Responsible Person
7 Team Tech Fouls	-5 Points + Tribunal considered (or \$250 fine)	Responsible Person
8+ Team Tech Fouls	-7 Points + \$250 fine + Tribunal (or \$350 + \$250)	Responsible Person

Senior Domestic Competition (see SDC By-Laws Clause 46.7)

Trigger	Penalty	Who is Invoiced
1-6 Team Tech Fouls	Written warning only	Responsible Person notified
7 Team Tech Fouls	-1 Premiership Point (or \$50 fine)	Responsible Person
8 Team Tech Fouls	-2 Points (or \$100 fine)	Responsible Person
9 Team Tech Fouls	-3 Points + show cause (or \$150 fine)	Responsible Person
10 Team Tech Fouls	-4 Points + Tribunal considered (or \$250 fine)	Responsible Person
11+ Team Tech Fouls	-5 Points + \$250 fine + Tribunal (or \$350 + \$250)	Responsible Person

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Trigger	Penalty	Who is Invoiced
Spectator ejection (regular season)	-1 Point per ejection (or \$50/point)	Responsible Person
Spectator ejection (grading)	-1 Point at season start (or \$50/point)	Responsible Person
Spectator ejection (finals)	\$200 fine + points converted to fine	Responsible Person
Tech foul during Finals	\$100 fine per tech foul	Responsible Person
Post-match (regular, BV finding)	-3 Points + \$100 fine	Responsible Person
Post-match (finals, BV finding)	Points converted + \$300 fine	Responsible Person

Trigger	Penalty	Who is Invoiced
BV Tribunal matter from Finals	\$300 fine + BV Tribunal penalty	Responsible Person

Payment Summary

Rule	Requirement
Invoice recipient	Club Delegate (club-affiliated teams) / Team registrant (junior independent) / Team Captain (senior)
Payment window	7 days from date of invoice
Unpaid after 7 days	Walkover applied to each game while unpaid. Walkover fee also applies.
Unpaid at Finals	Team cannot participate in Finals until paid in full
Unpaid at re-registration	No player/team may re-register until all outstanding amounts paid
Unpaid after 30 days	MEBA Board referral, possible debt collection, BV notification

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This Framework shall be reviewed annually by Competition Management, the Domestic Competitions Committee, and the MEBA Board. Feedback from Clubs and teams may be submitted in writing through the Responsible Person at any time. Any amendments will be communicated to all Clubs and teams prior to the commencement of the next scheduled season.

This Framework is effective from the 2026 summer season and supersedes all previous versions of the MEBA Junior Domestic Competition Behavioural Framework.

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