



**POLICY
ZERO TOLERANCE & SPORTS RAGE
BYRON BAY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and spectators, Byron Bay Basketball Association in unison with Basketball NSW has in place a **Zero Tolerance Policy and Sports Rage Policy** for inappropriate behaviour at any Basketball NSW (BNSW) or Byron Bay Basketball (BBBA) sanctioned events. Byron Bay Basketball Association and Basketball NSW also adopt the guidelines from 'Play by the Rules', the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, and the NSW Office of Sport & Recreation in regard to safe sporting environments and sports rage.

Sport rage is any violence, foul language, harassment, abuse or bad behaviour in sport. Any form of sport rage is bad for sport - reducing enjoyment, risking safety, and tarnishing club reputations.

Please see the following websites below for further information:

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/>

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/>

The term "participant": will be used within this policy and will by definition mean all players, officials and spectators.

This Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any participant.

2. Any participant who feels the necessity to:

- Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of referees
- Berate or abuse referees
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment
- Breach any applicable NSW or Commonwealth law
- Breach any existing Basketball Australia, BBBA or BNSW by-laws, codes of conduct, policies or guidelines

will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller, or by any other BBBA official in charge of the venue at the time. Failure to leave when requested will result in the Byron Bay Basketball Association official taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of all participants. No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

3. Any participant who has been requested to leave an event may also be warned, suspended, required to attend a disciplinary hearing, and/or refused entry for future events or have their membership of Byron Bay Basketball cancelled.

4. BBBA reserves the right to refuse entry to any event for any person(s) in breach of the Zero Tolerance Policy.

5. Participants have the right to appeal any decision by addressing their concerns in writing to the Board at info@byronbasketball.com. This must be done within 14 days of the receipt of any warning letter or suspension/cancellation. Any decision made by the Board will be the final decision with no further recourse.

Any action taken under this policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under the NSW Child Protection Legislation, or any other action in accordance with the BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal or Member Protection By-Laws