BASKETBALL MANAWATŪ

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR SPORT RAGE

COMMITMENT to Te Tiriti O Waitangi

Basketball Manawatū is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of partnership, protection and participation. This policy has been prepared in line with this commitment and its text and implementation is guided by the following values and principles.

- Whanaungatanga: fostering positive relationships, connections and a sense of community between participants, particularly for people who are disadvantaged or at risk.
- Manaakitanga: participants are treated, and treat each other, with dignity and respect.
- Hauora: physical, psychological, spiritual, family and social wellbeing of participants and recognising sport and recreation should make a positive contribution to participants' wellbeing.
- Haumarutanga: the importance of protecting the safety and wellbeing of participants, particularly when they are at risk.
- Mokopunatanga: an emphasis on the wellbeing of children and young people, and ensuring future generations thrive.
- Pono: acting in a way that is trustworthy, honest and fair.
- Utu and ea: reciprocity and opportunities for repairing harm done and restoring a state of balance.

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

In recent times Basketball Manawatū has observed an increase in the poor behaviour of some participants, parents/guardians and spectators during its competitions and events. This poor behaviour has been directed at officials, players, coaches, spectators and Basketball Manawatū staff and volunteers. While we acknowledge that this is only a small percentage of individuals within the broader basketball community, these instances of poor behaviour impact on the enjoyment and experience of all participants.

RATIONALE FOR THIS POLICY

A 'Zero-Tolerance' policy is aimed at addressing the situations that arise from this poor behaviour. This policy supplements the following current codes of conduct: -

- Basketball Manawatū Player Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball Manawatū Coach Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball Manawatū Parent & Spectator Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct and Fair Play

The implementation of this policy is aimed at eliminating this behaviour and rebuilding a culture of supportive and rewarding behaviour to further encourage and strengthen our sport in general as we strive to make Basketball the sport of choice in the Manawatū.

This policy does not intend to stifle or diminish healthy supportive cheering or the ability of players or spectators to enjoy the game. Rather it seeks to ensure a safe competitive environment for all participants including officials and other spectators.

This policy supplements the Basketball Manawatū Player, Coach, Officials and Parent & Spectator Behaviour Codes of Conduct, Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct and Fair Play and Code of conduct and fair play for technical officials.

It is expected that all participants will ensure that their team supporters are made aware of the zero-tolerance policy when attending Basketball Manawatu competitions and events

Basketball Manawatū relies heavily on the goodwill of our Coaches, Referees and Officials, most of whom are volunteers. An increase in incidents of inappropriate and abusive behaviour, known as sport rage, is leading to a decline in those willing to fill these positions. In addition, sport rage impacts on others' enjoyment, risks players and official's safety, and tarnishes the game's reputation. Whatever the form, and wherever it takes place, sport rage is not acceptable in our association.

Sport Rage is any inappropriate or abusive behaviour that involves harassing, demeaning or belittling others. It includes:

- persistently or wilfully questioning or challenging the rulings of Referees &/or Bench Officials,
- berating or abusing Umpires or Bench Officials,
- berating or abusing Players or Coaches,
- berating or abusing other parents/guardians or spectators,
- displaying conduct, which is inappropriate in a sporting environment,
- Enter the playing court at any time without permission.

POLICY

Any participant, parent/guardian or spectator who feels the need to display this behaviour will be asked to leave the venue instantly. No warning needs be given and failure to leave when asked will result in an association representative taking appropriate action to ensure the safety of other participants, parents/guardians and spectators.

A participant, parent/guardian or spectator who has been asked to leave an event or venue may be banned from attendance at future games or requested to attend a hearing under BBNZ Internal Regulations. All appeals against bans under this policy should be directed to the Basketball Manawatū Judicial Committee.

Repeated inappropriate behaviour by a participant, parent/guardian or spectator may impact the playing future of the participant.

Participants, parents/guardians or spectators who would like to offer feedback or seek clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback in writing to the Operations Manager of Basketball Manawatū, Referee Coordinator or Competitions & Events Co-ordinator.

Electronic acceptance of Zero Tolerance Policy via individual player registrations through Game Day.

Printed copies will be made available for any participants who may not have access to e-mail / internet

To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants Basketball Manawatū has adopted this Zero Tolerance Policy for Sport Rage from players, officials, parents/guardians, spectators & the staff of Basketball Manawatū.

POLICY REVIEW

Basketball Manawatū will monitor and review this policy on a two-yearly basis.

REFERENCES

- BBNZ Regs Bk 6 Judicial (as at 3 February 2022)
- Basketball Manawatū Code of Conduct & Ethics v 2026