

MEMO: 29th April 2006 To all Players, Coaches and Spectators.

NEW TECHNICAL FOUL RULE

A new technical foul rule will be introduced on the **1st of June 2006**

This rule is being introduced to stem the amount of abuse towards referees and it has been ratified by the Board of Basketball Victoria and the Victorian Basketball Referee's Association. It has been in force in many other stadiums throughout Victoria since early 2005.

From the 1st of June any player who receives a **Technical Foul will be penalised by sitting out of the game for 5 minutes of playing time** and the opposing team will receive 2 shots plus possession of the ball at the centre line.

The player who receives the Technical foul CAN be substituted by any other player.

The referees will confirm with each other the time of the offence and make note of the time on the scoresheet next to the player's name. If a Time Out is called or half time occurs the time (1 minute for a time out or 2 minutes for half time) will be added to the time remaining of the players penalty. The referees and the score bench will monitor the time remaining of the sit out penalty but the referees will make the final decision.

Once the **5 minutes of playing time** has elapsed, the player may be substituted back into the game at the next available substitution as per normal rules.

Example; Player 5 red receives a technical foul with the clock showing 14 min 30 seconds left in the first half. Blue team calls a time out with the clock showing 12 mins 30 seconds left in the first half. 1 minute must be added due to the time out. Once the clock shows 8 mins 29 seconds in the first half, player 5 red **can now be substituted back into the game at the next available opportunity.**

If the same player receives a second technical foul, that player will be disqualified and take no further part in the game and must leave the court area.

This rule does not apply for a Bench Technical Foul.

We ask that you be patient with the implementation of this rule and understand that mistakes may occur but hopefully they will be very few.

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