

Spectator Warning Cards

OVERVIEW

The Spectator Warning Card was introduced in 2023/2024 season to assist in the management of poor sideline behaviour

GUIDELINES

The use of spectator warning cards is designed to give a visual indication that the recipients behaviour has been addressed and warned that any continuation will result in further consequences.

The delivery of this warning card is noted to be calmer and more effective from a team manager or team personnel who has a personal relationship with the spectator, rather than an official from the association.

Card design



- You are being issued a warning that the comments, gestures, and/or behaviours that you have directed at the players, coaches, game officials, or other spectators constitute excessive verbal abuse or behaviour that is disruptive or interferes with a game participant or another spectator in violation of the Basketball WA Code of Conduct.
- This is the first and only warning that you will receive.
- If, after receiving this warning, you continue to verbally abuse any player, coach, game official, or spectator, or engage in behaviour that is disruptive or interferes with a game participant or another spectator, your team will be issued with a tech foul and you will be immediately ejected from the stadium

Process of Warning Cards:

- i. Court controller and/or Referee Supervisor to pass on warning card to team manager or team personnel to issue to identified spectator.
- ii. Team manager or team personnel, with the support, if required, of the Court Controller and/or Referee Supervisor to issue warning card to spectator and advise if behaviour continues the team will receive a bench technical and spectator will be ejected from the venue.
- iii. If behaviour continues, the Referee Supervisor, Court Controller or BBA staff (if present) will stop the game at the next stoppage and the bench technical will be issued to the respective team bench and spectator will be ejected and removed from the venue. The game is not to restart until that spectator has been removed from the venue.
- iv. If the spectator has received multiple warning cards over the course of a competition, this may result in a competition ban.

Please note in certain circumstances as per the Green Shirt – Zero Tolerance policy, Bunbury Basketball Association reserves the right to ask any coach, manager, player, parent, or spectator to immediately leave the venue should they:

- Wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees.
- Berate or abuse referees.
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment.



No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary. Should you have any questions, please discuss these with the Operations & Competitions Manager.