

## **Basketball Qld Behaviour Framework**

**Warning Cards** 

## **WARNING CARD**



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 Queensland 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.

## Purpose:

The use of spectator warning cards has been introduced into Basketball Queensland competitions to address poor spectator behaviour that may occur at any time. This gives a visual indication that their behavior has been addressed and warned that any continuation will result in further consequences.

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

## **Process of Warning Cards:**

- Court controller and/or Referee Supervisor to pass on warning card to team manager or team personnel to issue to identified spectator.
- Team manager or team personnel 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.
- If behaviour continues, the referee supervisor, court controller or BQ 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.
- If the spectator has received multiple warning cards over the course of a competition, this may result in a competition ban.

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