

(Approved at the VBRA November 2013 Board Meeting)

THE SIN BIN RULE

Basketball Victoria has implemented the **Sin Bin** process as part of its game development program. BV, in association with the Victorian Basketball Referees Association and the Technical Official's Commission are recommending its adoption in all domestic competitions across the state.

Game referees will be required to:

- **Instantly** penalise any obvious form of dissent, such as disputing calls, critical comments towards Referees or their calls, bad language etc. with a **Technical Foul** and send them to the 'Sin-Bin'. The Sin-Bin isn't necessarily a specified place; it just means that the coach/player/bench person is required to leave the court (or move down the bench) for 5 minutes. Timing of the 5 minutes can be done by bench personnel (or any other means acceptable to the Association).
- A player who is sent to the Sin-Bin is allowed to be substituted.
- The coach/bench person who is sent to the Sin-Bin must move to the end of the bench area and cannot communicate with team members while they are there.
- A second **similar** offence by the same player/bench person results in them being disqualified from the game. (A 'similar' offence involves more criticism, dissent etc. resulting in a second Technical Foul)

Answers to some FAQ's (Frequently asked questions)

- 1. Is a parent subject to the same penalty if a Technical Foul is called on them because of their actions ?** A: No – the match rules and Stadium Management should be used to control spectator actions
- 2. What if the second Tech. Foul is for a 'technical' offence – eg. leaning over the line on a pass in?** A: The 'sin bin' option shouldn't be applied.
- 3. What if the Tech foul occurs with one minute to go in the first half ?** A: The player/bench person sits out the last minute, then the first 4 minutes of the second half. Similar reasoning would be applied to all intervals of play between periods.
- 4. What if the Tech foul occurs with four minutes to go in the second half ?** A: The player/bench person is out for the remainder of the game (assuming the clock isn't stopped)
- 5. What if a player refuses to leave the court ?** A: Normal game rules apply – if a Junior, seek adult support. The player/bench person can be reported.
- 6. What if the team only has 5 players ?** A: Now they only have 4 !
- 7. What if the team only has 2 players left and one is 'substituted' because of a 'Sin-Bin' infraction ?** A: The game is over. The opposition win by forfeit.
- 8. What if the team calls a time out ?** A: 5 minutes is a 'fixed time' during a playing period. It is viewed as a 'cooling off' period.
- 9. Who keeps track of time in the Sin Bin ?** A: The simplest method is to write the offence time on the score sheet and ask the scorer to remind the referee when time is up.