

Basketball Queensland

Domestic Officiating Recommendations



Basketball Queensland strongly recommends that local associations and competitions adopt the following recommendations to referees in virtually all competitions.

The aim of these recommendations is to provide greater certainty to players, coaches and referees as to what will and will not be called in domestic basketball across our State.

- Contact by a defensive player on the shooter **must always** be called a foul.
- Bumping or hand-checking of the dribbler by a defensive player **must always** be called a foul.
- Bumping a cutter by a defensive player **must always** be called a foul.
- Advantage/disadvantage is **NOT** to be applied, except in some senior "A" grade / Division 1 competitions with State graded referees (i.e. Association Representative grade and above).
- Swearing by a coach or player towards a referee **must always** be called a Technical Foul.
- If a coach or player repeatedly disputes a referee's decision it **must always** be called a Technical Foul.
- Any deliberate contact with an opponent **must always** be called an Unsportsmanlike Foul.
- If you are unsure as to whether a foul is a shooting foul, **always** call it a shooting foul.
- If you are unsure as to whether or not points should be awarded (for example after a foul on the shooter), **always** count the points.
- When refereeing junior basketball, where appropriate, talk to the players about their actions and your calls.

By keeping to these guidelines and being consistent with our application of the rules of our game, we provide certainty to our players, our coaches and our fellow referees throughout the State.

From time-to-time directions may be issued on certain rules, however if we keep to these consistently we will gain greater respect from the coaches and players of our game and we should find our games easier to officiate in the long run.