



# **South West Metro Basketball Inc**

## **Junior Representative Program**

### **Parent & Player Handbook**

**2022/2023 BQ Representative Season**

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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to the South West Metro Pirates junior representative program! We hope that all players joining the Pirate Ship will enjoy their experience and can fulfill all their ambitions in the sport with us.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform parents and prospective players all general information about SWM's representative program and outline all key terms, conditions and obligations. It is important for players and parents to read and understand the requirements and expectations should you accept a position into one of our teams.

### 1.1 Contacts

*Your team manager is the first point of contact for most matters.* Team management may also set up a Facebook or WhatsApp group to communicate with all parents within the team throughout the season. However, should you need you need to contact an SWMBI staff member directly:

***Chris Hort – Basketball Operations Manager (BOM)***

First point of contact for team managers and will assist with most administrative matters throughout the season. Chris can also assist parents with any general enquiries if not able to be answered by your team manager, including any unresolved issues. [bom@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:bom@southwestbasketball.com.au)

***Steve Edwards – Coaching Director***

First point of contact for our representative coaches for various coaching, selection and on-court matters. Steve is the primary contact should you need to discuss selection or player-coach related issues, and will act as a liaison between these parties if necessary. [doc@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:doc@southwestbasketball.com.au)

***Linda Reid – Accounts***

Any questions or issues pertaining to payment of representative fees should be directed to Linda. [accounts@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:accounts@southwestbasketball.com.au)

### 1.2 Junior Representative Committee

The Junior Representative Committee are a volunteer group who assist with an array of activities during the representative season. A representative from this committee may contact you or the team for various matters during the season including team selections, fundraising, presentations, volunteering etc. The committee may also be called upon to assist with any issues or requests raised by an individual/team.

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Chris Hort (Basketball Operations Manager)

### 1.3 Key Information Sources

**SWM Website** – [www.piratesbasketball.net.au](http://www.piratesbasketball.net.au)

**SWM Facebook** - [www.facebook.com/SWMPirates](https://www.facebook.com/SWMPirates)

**SWM Instagram** - [@southwestmetropirates](https://www.instagram.com/southwestmetropirates)

**Basketball Queensland** (draws/results, policies, competition info) – [www.queensland.basketball](http://www.queensland.basketball)



## 2. Team Trials

- 2.1 Team trials will be held over a minimum of two sessions and are conducted by all head coaches of the trialling age group/gender, with oversight from the SWM Coaching Director. There may be occasions where additional trial sessions are held as invite-only to assist in finalising team selections.
- 2.2 All participants must have registered online prior and paid the trial fee to be eligible to participate.
- 2.3 Current SWMBI members must be financial with the association at the time of trials to be eligible to participate.
- 2.4 Any player who last played representative basketball for another association **MUST** submit to SWMBI a completed *BQ Player Transfer* form prior to trials. Under no circumstance will any player be permitted to trial without this transfer.

If SWMBI is not advised or is misled about a player's previous representative association, and they participate in our trials without the required completed BQ transfer, that player will not be eligible for selection and shall be excluded from trialling for any future SWMBI representative team for a period of three (3) years.

- 2.5 Attendance at all trials is compulsory to be eligible for selection. Extenuating circumstances such as injury or illness may be taken into consideration for team selection, with a submission including evidence required to be sent to the Coaching Director ([doc@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:doc@southwestbasketball.com.au)) ASAP prior to trials.

## 3. Team Selection & Expectations

Teams will generally consist of 10 players, a Head Coach, an Assistant Coach and a Team Manager. Adjustments to the number of players selected to a team may be granted at the approval SWM Coaching Director and the Junior Representative committee if requested by the Head Coach. No team will exceed a maximum of 12 players.

SWMBI will nominate 1 to 4 teams per age group and gender to compete in the 2022/23 representative season. The number of teams nominated will be dependent upon meeting Basketball Queensland requirements. These requirements are based primarily on the number of junior players currently registered with SWMBI along with the standard of players, referees, and coaches available within the association.

First team named "SWM Pirates Gold" (will grade for Premier League - division one)

Second team named "SWM Pirates Purple" (will grade for Southern Cup - division two)

Third team named "SWM Pirates Red" (will grade for Challenge Cup - division three)

Fourth team named "SWM Pirates White" (will grade for Development Cup - division four)

*If SWM had a First team gain automatic qualification to Premier League in a given season, the SWM second team would then have the opportunity to also grade for Premier League (head coach's discretion).*

- 3.1 Teams will be selected based on several factors, including but not limited to, attitude, commitment, ability and behavioural conduct in line with the association values.
- 3.2 Final decisions on team selections are made by the team head coach in consultation with the other age group coaches, the SWM Coaching Director and the SWMBI Junior Representative Committee.
- 3.3 If your child is selected into a team, an offer will be emailed to the primary address supplied in your trial registration. You will have 48 hours to accept or reject the offer of selection. If no response is received within 48 hours then the offer will be automatically revoked and given to another player. No additional offers will be granted to the player for any team in the age group for that season.



Should you accept the offer, an invoice for a non-refundable deposit will be sent shortly afterward (generally within 3 days) and must be paid within 5 days of receipt. Non-payment of the deposit within this timeframe will result in your child's offer being retracted.

### 3.4 **Team Offer Acceptance Policy**

To ensure the integrity of our trial and selection processes is maintained, and that only those committed to representing SWMBI are involved, it is important to be aware of the following obligations and penalties for withdrawing after accepting a position into one of our teams:

- a) Upon accepting a team offer, you acknowledge that you are liable for the full amount of representative fees for your child even if you later choose to withdraw.
- b) Any player who withdraws (or is removed) from any team after accepting an offer will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative team for a period of three (3) years.
- c) Any player who declines, or does not respond to, an offer for our first team (Gold) will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative for a period of three (3) years.

### 3.5 **Registration**

Players must have a current registration with SWM Basketball prior to the first training session.

### 3.6 **Court Time**

All players and parents should understand prior to joining our representative program that there are no guarantees on the amount of court time a player will receive. Coaching staff have a responsibility to obtain the best possible results for their team, whilst also providing development opportunities for every player. These two ideals are often in conflict and will result in less experienced players receiving less court time than other more experienced players.

Playing time will be determined by the coaching staff, based on players meeting realistic roles and expectations that have been clearly communicated to the player and parents by the coaching staff throughout the season.

## 4. **Uniforms**

4.1 Players must own and wear a complete SWMBI uniform when representing us at team training, SQJBC fixtures and during the State Championships.

### 4.2 **Compulsory uniform**

On court training uniform consists of:

- *SWM reversible training singlet*

On court playing uniform consists of:

- *SWM polo (for arrival to games)*
- *SWM playing socks*
- *SWM playing shorts (boys - gold, girls - purple)*

When travelling/arriving to games, all players must be dressed in a SWM polo and SWM playing shorts.

4.3 Uniform costs are separate to your Representative fee. Ordering is done via our online store with information to be provided in your letter of offer. If you do not own any of the above compulsory uniform items then they must be purchased ASAP upon team acceptance.



**Please note:**

We changed uniform suppliers in 2022 to **Veto Sports**. If any player owns an existing polo or training singlet of a previous brand, they will not be forced to buy the *Veto Sports* versions of these items yet. However starting from the U18 season in 2023 and onward, all players will be required to roll over and own the Veto versions.

All players are required to own Veto branded shorts and socks.

4.4 Additional non-compulsory Pirates merchandise are also available for purchase from our online store.

## 5. Fees and Payments

### 5.1 Summary of fees

	Under 12	Under 14 - 18
<i>Deposit (non-refundable)</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Instalment 1</i>	\$172.50	\$197.50
<i>Instalment 2</i>	\$172.50	\$197.50
<i>Instalment 3</i>	\$172.50	\$197.50
<i>Instalment 4</i>	\$172.50	\$197.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>	<b>\$890.00</b>

Invoices for fees will be sent soon after team offer acceptance with all due dates to be outlined within.

### 5.2 Fee inclusions & exclusions

The season representative fee for your child covers all the following:

- SQJBC team nomination fee
- SQJBC Grading tournament fee
- SQJBC season game fees
- SQJBC Referee & Supervisor fees
- SQJBC Semi Final & Grand Final game fees
- State Championship Wildcard Challenge game fee
- State Championships team nomination fees
- State Championships Referee fees
- Venue hire for training (2x 1.5hr sessions per week, for minimum 4 weeks prior then during season)
- Pirates water bottle
- First aid / sports med officers
- Uniform & equipment levy
- Referee Levy
- Administration levy
- End of season presentation & trophies
- Uniforms for team management

The following is not included in your representative fee and will be at an additional cost:

- Compulsory uniform items if not already owned
- Any optional or additional uniform/merchandise items
- Any pre-season games organised by team management
- Venue hire for additional training if organised by team management
- State Championships expenses such as travel, accommodation and food\*
- State Championships travel and accommodation for team management\*\*

\* *dependent on location – costs will vary*

\*\* *two members of coaching/management group are to be covered by the team*



- 5.3 Upon a player's acceptance of selection to a representative team, parents agree to pay the entire Representative fee for the season to SWMBI. This fee will be invoiced in instalments as outlined in **5.1** and all must be paid by the stipulated due dates. The initial \$100 non-refundable deposit must be paid within 5 days of being invoiced otherwise the player's position in the team will be forfeited.
- 5.4 Invoices will be sent to the parent email provided at selection trials. It is the responsibility of the parent to advise SWM Basketball if these details change.
- 5.5 If you fail to make payment on an invoice by the stipulated due date, your child will be prevented from further participation until any overdue payment is made.
- 5.6 Parents/Guardians acknowledge that if their child incurs an injury/illness during the season, they remain responsible for the entire amount of representative fees.

The SWMBI Junior Representative Committee will only consider written requests to reduce the fees of a player where the player has consulted first with team management in a timely manner and the written request provides a reasonable reason for leaving the team.

- 5.7 Should there be personal circumstances, such as financial hardship, that will inhibit a player's ability to pay representative fees as per the defined schedule, the parent must contact Chris ([bom@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:bom@southwestbasketball.com.au)) ASAP to discuss the situation and alternative options. These discussions will be held in the strictest confidence. Parents will be bound to the terms of any alternative plan and their child will be prevented from participation if they are not met.

## 6. Player Obligations

*SWMBI representative players are required to:*

### 6.1 Club Competition

Be registered to a club and actively participate in the SWM Junior Club Competition while they are an active member of a SWMBI representative team. Players must **maintain at least a 50% participation rate** of their club games in order to be eligible to continue playing SWMBI representative basketball – this includes from the time of team selection through to the end of the State Championships.

### 6.2 Attendance

Attending all representative team trainings and games is mandatory. It is expected that players attend every scheduled training session even if injured - you may be missing important information by not attending.

If the player cannot attend prior notice must be given to the team coach and/or team manager along with a valid reason to why the player cannot attend. A player with a contagious illness (e.g. flu) should not attend training or a game, however still must notify team management prior.

A player's court time may be affected at the coach's discretion should they not attend training without a satisfactory reason. Repeated absences may result in the player being removed from the program.

### 6.3 Abide by the BQ Players Code of Behaviour:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.



- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

## 7. Parent Obligations

*Parents of our junior representative players are required to:*

- 7.1 Be responsible to provide transport for their child to all games and trainings. Further, they must understand that games may be as far north as Noosa, as far west as Toowoomba and south to the Gold Coast during the SQJBC season; while State Championships may be hosted at any basketball association within Queensland.
- 7.2 Be responsible to perform the scoreable tasks for SQJBC and State Championship games - teams must provide 2 scoreable officials for every game. Your team manager will have a roster process in place.
- 7.3 Only video/record games or training sessions with the consent of the coaching staff., parents and players.
- 7.4 Contribute in volunteer roles that assist the running of the team or club activities when scheduled on game days. Including but not limited to BBQ, fundraising activities, event setup/clean-up, uniform washing etc.
- 7.5 **Abide by the BQ Parents Code of Behaviour:**
  - Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
  - Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
  - Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
  - Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
  - Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
  - Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
  - Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
  - Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
  - Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
  - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
  - Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature



## 8. Social Media

All participants (players, parents, team management) must take care with all postings on the internet relating to SWM Basketball, its members, and anyone associated with the wider Basketball Queensland community.

These general rules must be abided by:

- No swearing or offensive wording
- No inappropriate, defamatory or derogatory pictures, posts or comments
- No confidential information to be posted
- Only truthful information is to be posted
- If someone requests something be removed, it must be removed
- Any offensive comments from the public on your own posts are to be removed immediately

The ***Basketball Queensland Social Media Policy***, available from the Basketball Queensland website, provides a comprehensive framework that all participants must abide by. Any person found to be in contravention of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by SWMBI, and possibly also by BQ.

## 9. Removal of a Player

9.1 SWMBI may at its discretion remove a player from a team anytime during the season due to behaviour outside the mission and values of the association, including behaviour that contravenes any Basketball Queensland/Basketball Australia code or policy. Fees will still apply.

(a) Final decision for withdrawal will be made in consultation with SWMBI Management Committee.

9.2 Defaulting on payments will result in the player being deemed unfinancial. Players who are unfinancial will be excluded from participating in all SWMBI activities including club basketball, representative games and representative training until all outstanding debt has been cleared.

## 10. Personal Injury Liability

10.1 SWM Basketball shall not be liable for any loss suffered.

10.2 SWM Basketball shall not be liable for any damage to property.

10.3 Basketball is a recreational activity that carries injury risk. It can be assumed that personal injury may occur and SWM Basketball shall not be liable for any personal injury suffered.

10.4 The Civil Liability Act Qld 2003 may be applicable for personal injury claims.

### 10.5 Insurance Cover

SWM club, SQJBC and State Championships games are covered by Basketball Queensland's insurance program via the BQ nominated Insurer. Further detailed Information can be found on the BQ Website. *Please check the Basketball Queensland Website for more detailed information.*

## 11. Complaints

### 11.1 Game-day

Incidents and complaints at any Basketball Queensland game must be reported to your Team Manager, who may elect to report it to the Court Controller of the venue if necessary. Paperwork is to be completed at that venue, at the time of the concern. Complaints are formally followed through by the Association hosting the game and BQ if required. This is a BQ process which we accept as part of entering SQJBC.



### 11.2 Internal

Any issue of misconduct by a player, parent, coach, manager, official or spectator associated with SWMBI at a game or training session, that cannot be safely and amicably addressed within the team, should be brought to the attention of the BOM in writing as soon as possible ([bom@southwestbasketball.com.au](mailto:bom@southwestbasketball.com.au)). Depending on the nature of the complaint the BOM may forward to, or work in conjunction with, the Junior Rep Committee, Coaching Director and/or SWMBI Board to address it.

## 12. SQJBC Basic Information

The South Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC) is a representative competition conducted in the south-east region of Queensland. The competition caters for Under 12 to Under 18 age groups in both boys and girls. SQJBC provides a competition pathway for elite junior players representing their associations, with Basketball Queensland's affiliated associations in the south-east Queensland region eligible to enter.

The competition is played in a league format with each age group consisting multiple divisions. Generally these divisions have 8 teams each where teams play each other twice for the season (there can be exceptions at times).

The SQJBC season is split into four sections: *Grading, Regular Season, Wildcard Challenge, Finals Weekend*

### Grading

SQJBC Grading Competitions will be held in the previous term to which the regular season is held. These are generally conducted in an elimination format and determine which division a team will play in. The purpose of these grading competitions is to place teams within divisions of equal calibre for the upcoming season.

### Regular Season

The SQJBC Regular Season consists of 14 games, although there can be exceptions to this if the division does not have the standard 8 teams competing.

These games are played across 7 weekends/rounds – generally on a Sunday with 2 games played per round.

### Wildcard Challenge

The Wildcard Challenge for all age groups will be played the weekend after the final carnival round. The Wildcard Challenge provides teams who finished 1st and 2nd in a SQJBC lower division an opportunity to challenge teams who finished 7th and 8th in a higher division for their division spot at the State Championships.

### Finals Weekend

The Finals Weekend will take place one week after the Wildcard Challenge. Semi-finals will be played on the Saturday followed by the Grand Finals on Sunday.

Players must play a minimum of 40% of games in a team to qualify to play finals for that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e. 5.6 games becomes 6 games).

*Confirmed SQJBC dates, venues, draws etc. will be sent to your Team Manager to pass on as soon as this information is available.*

## 13. State Championships Basic Information

The BQ State Championships is the premier representative basketball competition available to junior players in Queensland. Entry nominations are open to all BQ affiliated associations who have competed in the SQJBC, CQJBC or NQJBC representative competitions.

Each tournament is segmented by age group (Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18) while teams are also designated into divisions to allow for strong competition in an even playing field. Each tournament runs for four to five days and teams will generally play a total of 6-8 games over the course.



### **How it works**

Much like SQJBC, there are several divisions at the State Championship in which teams compete. Your team's SQJBC division aligns to what State Championship division they will participate in. The previously mentioned Wildcard Challenge can provide an opportunity for your team to participate in a higher division than what they would have initially qualified for (or conversely, a lower division if they lose this game as the higher ranked team).

The competition format has teams play within pools for the first couple of days. At the conclusion of this they will then usually play a series of cross-over finals (quarter finals, semi finals etc) to determine their final placing – hopefully as a State Champion!

### **Costs**

All nomination, game, referee and first aid costs pertaining to the State Championships are covered in your representative fee.

Any required travel, accommodation and food during this event is of additional cost to the player. Any travel and accommodation for two members of the team management is to also be covered by the team (this cost is shared equally amongst players). The State Championships can be held anywhere in the state, as far north as Cairns, so these costs will vary depending where your age group is held. There will be opportunities for the team to fundraise to offset these costs, and we encourage teams and their parents to get involved and undertake these fundraising initiatives.

Please note there are also daily venue entry fees at the State Championships for parents and spectators (entry is free for players and team management).

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**Your acceptance of a position to a team confirms you understand and agree to all terms set out within this 2022/23 SWM Junior Representative Parent-Player Handbook.**



## SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

# JUNIOR REP

### 2022/23 CALENDAR



	QSLYL	Under-18	Under-16	Under-14	Under-12
<b>Grading Wknd 1</b>	3rd/4th of September	3rd/4th of September	26th/27th of November	18th/19th of March	10th/11th of June
<b>Grading Wknd 2</b>	10th/11th of September	10th/11th of September	3rd/4th of December	25th/26th of March	17th/18th of June
<b>Weekend 1</b>	8th/9th of October	8th/9th of October	28th/29th of January	22nd/23rd of April	15th/16th of July
<b>Weekend 2</b>	15th/16th of October	15th/16th of October	4th/5th of February	29th/30th of April	22nd/23rd of July
<b>Weekend 3</b>	22nd/23rd of October	22nd/23rd of October	11th/12th of February	6th/7th of May	29th/30th of July
<b>Weekend 4</b>	29th/30th of October	29th/30th of October	18th/19th of February	13th/14th of May	5th/6th of August
<b>Weekend 5</b>	5th/6th of November	5th/6th of November	25th/26th of February	20th/21st of May	12th/13th of August
<b>Weekend 6</b>	12th/13th of November	12th/13th of November	4th/5th of March	27th/28th of May	19th/20th of August
<b>Weekend 7</b>	19th/20th of November	19th/20th of November	11th/12th of March	3rd/4th of June	26th/27th of August
<b>Wildcard Challenge</b>	N/A	26th of November	18th of March	10th of June	2nd of September
<b>Semi Finals</b>	3rd of December	3rd of December	25th of March	17th of June	9th of September
<b>Grand Finals</b>	4th of December	4th of December	26th of March	18th of June	10th of September

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# JUNIOR REP

2022/23 CALENDAR



	QSLYL	Under-18	Under-16	Under-14	Under-12
<b>Grading Wknd 1</b>	3rd/4th of September	3rd/4th of September	26th/27th of November	18th/19th of March	10th/11th of June
<b>Grading Wknd 2</b>	10th/11th of September	10th/11th of September	3rd/4th of December	25th/26th of March	17th/18th of June
<b>Weekend 1</b>	8th/9th of October	8th/9th of October	28th/29th of January	22nd/23rd of April	15th/16th of July
<b>Weekend 2</b>	15th/16th of October	15th/16th of October	4th/5th of February	29th/30th of April	22nd/23rd of July
<b>Weekend 3</b>	22nd/23rd of October	22nd/23rd of October	11th/12th of February	6th/7th of May	29th/30th of July
<b>Weekend 4</b>	29th/30th of October	29th/30th of October	18th/19th of February	13th/14th of May	5th/6th of August
<b>Weekend 5</b>	5th/6th of November	5th/6th of November	25th/26th of February	20th/21st of May	12th/13th of August
<b>Weekend 6</b>	12th/13th of November	12th/13th of November	4th/5th of March	27th/28th of May	19th/20th of August
<b>Weekend 7</b>	19th/20th of November	19th/20th of November	11th/12th of March	3rd/4th of June	26th/27th of August
<b>Wildcard Challenge</b>	N/A	26th of November	18th of March	10th of June	2nd of September
<b>Semi Finals</b>	3rd of December	3rd of December	25th of March	17th of June	9th of September
<b>Grand Finals</b>	4th of December	4th of December	26th of March	18th of June	10th of September

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# Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball QLD have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Parents and Spectators in in all Junior Representative competitions.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
  - Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
  - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and scoretable personnel
  - Berate or abuse team officials
  - Berate or abuse players
  - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
  - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or Basketball Queensland Representative

will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Court Controller and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and get the Court Controller and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the Court Controller remove the parent or spectator. If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour they may stop the game and ask the Court Controller to observe and monitor the spectator. The Court Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator.

Any breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy are to be reported by the Association Representative on the Zero Tolerance Report Form and sent to Basketball Queensland by 10am on the Monday following home games. Basketball Queensland will review the Report and make a decision on whether further action is required under the Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law.

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at junior events conducted by or on behalf of Basketball QLD and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all junior participants. Basketball Queensland implores any parents or spectators who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend. Parents/spectators/organisations who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback through their team officials.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials and younger players. This policy is not aimed at stifling or diminishing healthy supportive cheering or the ability of all spectators and parents to enjoy the spectacle of junior sport but rather to ensure that the support is done in a manner deemed appropriate under the Basketball Queensland Codes of Behaviour.

RULE	
<b>Match Ball</b>	Molten BG4000 balls preferred; however other Molten balls are permitted provided the outer surface of the ball is made of premium composite leather. <b>No other brand ball is permitted to be used for games.</b> Size 5 for Under 12 Males & Females Size 6 for Under 14 & Above Females and Under 14 Males Size 7 for Under 16, 18 & 21 Males
<b>Max. no of Players</b>	12
<b>Playing numbers</b>	0, 00 & 1 - 99
<b>Scoretable</b>	Each team must supply 2 <u>competent</u> bench officials. Unless there is an agreement between officials, duties are to be allocated as follows: - Team A will be responsible for Game Clock & Shot Clock - Team B will be responsible for Courtside & Chairperson
<b>Warm up</b>	3 minutes
<b>Game time</b>	Under 12 and 14 - 4 x 8 minute quarters fully timed Under 16, 18 and 21 - 4 x 10 minute quarters fully timed
<b>Half time interval</b>	3 minutes
<b>¼ &amp; ¾ intervals</b>	1 minute
<b>Overtime</b>	3 minute periods until result obtained (1 minute break after full time and in between extra time periods)
<b>Time outs per team</b>	Two time outs can be requested during the first half (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> periods) Three time outs can be requested during the second half (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> periods). A maximum of two (2) timeouts only can be used during the last two minutes of the second half. Unused time outs may not be carried over to any extra period but each team may be granted one time out for each overtime period.
<b>Time out duration</b>	50 seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
<b>Substitutions</b>	Request must come from the players to the scoretable personnel. For both teams when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped. For both teams when the ball becomes dead after a successful last free throw. For the non scoring team when a field goal is scored in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of each extra period.
<b>24 second shot clock</b>  <b>(*NOTE- not to be used in Under 12)</b>	If the game is stopped because of a foul or a violation or for any valid reason committed by the team not in control of the ball, possession shall be retained by the same team that previously had control of the ball. If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the back court the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds. If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 14 seconds or more was displayed on the clock at the time the game stopped then the shot clock will not be reset but remain the same If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 13 seconds or less is displayed on the shot clock at the time the game was stopped then the shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds. The clock is not reset if the same team retains possession for the following: - Ball having gone out of bounds      - Player of the offensive team being injured - Jump Ball Situation                      - Double Foul - Cancellation of equal penalties against both teams (eg, tech foul for each team) As per current FIBA Rules - following an offensive rebound after a field goal attempt or after a last/only free throw, the shot clock shall be set to 14 seconds.
<b>Technical Foul for use of Foul Language or Derogatory Remarks directed at Officials by Players</b>	Technical fouls for use of foul language or derogatory remarks directed towards officials, where a referee believes an ejection is not warranted, shall result in the player being substituted from the game and sitting five minutes of playing time on the Team Bench, irrespective of score, number of players on the court or remaining time in the game. When the Official calls the technical foul, he/she is also to look at the clock and quote the time remaining, so the scoretable officials can note it on the match report sheet E.g. 7:41 1st quarter, and the player can then re-enter the game at 2.41 or after (via substitution through the bench).