



## **Perth Basketball Association – Zero Tolerance Green Shirt Policy**

The Perth Basketball Association (PBA) is committed to maintaining a respectful and supportive environment for all participants. This includes all individuals involved in our Domestic and WABL competitions.

**Responsibilities of Participants:** All participants, including coaches, managers, players, parents, and spectators, are expected to take responsibility for their actions and behaviour.

**Green Shirt Referees:** Green Shirt referees are beginner officials who are still learning the role. Only rostered referee coaches and game day staff are permitted to communicate with Green Shirt referees. These referees may be working alone or with a co-official or referee shadow.

**Zero Tolerance Policy:** The Perth Basketball Association has a strict Zero Tolerance policy towards any form of abuse or inappropriate behaviour. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Wilfully challenging or questioning the decisions of referees**
- **Abusing or berating referees**
- **Engaging in any behaviour deemed inappropriate for a sporting environment**

In the event of any of these actions, the person responsible will be immediately required to leave the venue. No warnings will be given before this action is taken

**COACHES - If a coach breaches this policy, they will receive a 1-week suspension.**  
**Subsequent breaches in the same domestic season will incur a 2-week suspension.**

**Consequences:** If a participant fails to leave the venue when instructed, the matter will be referred to the Competitions Manager for further action, which may include formal disciplinary measures.

**Feedback & Clarifications:** If you wish to provide feedback or request clarification on any part of this policy, please contact the Competitions Manager within 24 hours of your game.

**Why This Policy is Necessary:** This policy has been implemented due to ongoing issues of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at PBA competitions towards our referees. Our goal is to ensure a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all referees, especially those who are still developing their skills.

**A Safe Environment for All:** We encourage everyone to participate in our competitions in a manner that fosters respect and sportsmanship. If you feel that you are unable to refrain from the unacceptable behaviours outlined above, we ask that you refrain from attending our Domestic and WABL game days.