

Referee guidelines for implementation of “The Sin-Bin” rule for all DVBA Senior Domestic games.

Diamond Valley Basketball Association has decided to adopt the Sin Bin Rule. This rule is supported by Basketball Victoria and will be used throughout all Senior domestic competitions at Diamond Valley.

It is intended by the introduction of this rule to have fewer reports to the Tribunal, improved player conduct and increased enjoyment for all involved with the game.

The rule will be implemented as follows:

A Technical Foul or Unsportsmanlike Foul on a PLAYER:

- will result in that player being withdrawn from the game for a total of 5 minutes of playing time.
- The player may be substituted if a substitute is available.
- The score bench will be responsible for monitoring when the player entered the sin bin and when the player is eligible to return to the game. The player may return to the court through a normal substitution.
- On return to the playing court, if the player commits a similar indiscretion, a disqualifying foul may be applied with the normal penalty.

Answers to some possible questions:

Q. What if the second Technical Foul is for a ‘technical’ offence - eg. leaning over the line on a pass in?

A. The ‘sin bin’ option shouldn’t be applied.

Q. What if the foul occurs with one minute to go in the first half?

A. The player 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.

Q. What if the foul occurs with 5 minutes or less to go in the second half?

A. The player is out for the remainder of the game

Q. What if a player refuses to leave the court?

A. Normal game rules apply - if a Junior, seek adult support. The player can be reported.

Q. What if the team only has 5 players?

A. Now they only have 4 !

Q. 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.

Q. What if the team calls a time out?

A. 5 minutes is a ‘fixed time’ during a playing period and any time outs are not included and therefore extend time on the bench.