

## **DVBA Local Domestic Basketball Rules which override the FIBA Rules: Dated 18/09/2014**

### **Sin Bin Rule – Effective for Junior Domestic Under 12's – 20 & Under and All Senior Domestic Competitions.**

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- will result in that player being withdrawn from the game for a total of 5 minutes of playing time.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.

## **Under 8's and Under 10's**

We **do not** enforce the following rules for under 10's to encourage learning of the game by all players:

Centre Line Violation.

Timed Violations: 5 Seconds in Key, 5 Seconds to inbound ball, 5 seconds closely guarded, 8 seconds in the backcourt, 5 seconds to release free throw etc.

## **Mercy Rule**

A Mercy Rule is defensive restriction, helping to promote sportsmanship in junior basketball. In simple terms, the defence is required to drop back to within the 3pt line, when they are 20pts or more in front.

### **Formal Wording:**

This rule shall apply to all games except grading games and finals. It shall apply to all age groups of junior basketball whenever one team has a lead of 20 points or more. The rule shall require the team in the lead to retreat behind the three point line, in defence, whenever the opposition gain possession, from an inbound or field play.

It is strongly advised that the leading team plays a man to man defence inside the three point line, not a zone.

The penalty for infringement of the mercy rule shall be calling a violation on the offending team and returning the ball to the other team at the three point line extended, in the front court.

Should any losing team seek to merely hold the ball outside the three point line with no effort at all to penetrate, then the referees shall give three warnings and then allow the defence to press to the half-way line.

The rule shall be enforced by the referees with the intervention of the person in charge of the venue if necessary.

Coaches do not have the option not to claim use of the rule if losing by 20 points or more.