

THE PAOLI WILDCAT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Disciplinary Policy for Technical Fouls and/or Game Ejections

INTRODUCTION

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play, and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, parents, referees and spectators, the Board of Directors (the Board) of **THE PAOLI WILDCAT BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PWBL)** in 2009 established a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct provides behavioral guidance and establishes clear expectations for all PWBL Participants - Players, Coaches and Parents.

As emphasized in the Code of Conduct, PWBL supports and adheres to a “zero-tolerance” policy with respect to Game Officials. The questioning of an official call (or lack of a call) and/or any negative commentary, gesture, complaint directed to a Game Official by any PWBL Participant is not allowed under any circumstances.

PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

The Board has adopted and shall enforce the following Policy as part of its ongoing commitment to ensure proper conduct and sportsmanship by all PWBL Participants.

This Policy applies to every technical foul and/or game ejection that is assessed by a Game Official against a PWBL participant (i.e., Player, Coach, Scorekeeper, Timekeeper, Spectator, and/or Other Volunteer) during any PWBL-sponsored Travel Game including pre-season, regular, post-season, and special tournament play.

TYPES OF TECHNICAL FOULS

For the purposes of implementing this Policy, assessed technical fouls will be considered to be either a “behavior-based” or “non-behavior based” technical foul, as follows:

- A “**behavior-based**” technical foul is one that is issued against any PWBL Participant for conduct that, at the sole discretion of the Game Official, is deemed to be objectionable and results in the issuance of a technical foul and/or game ejection. Examples of behavior-based technical fouls include, but are not limited to, those which are assessed for: (i) unsportsmanlike, vulgar, threatening or demeaning language or gestures; and (ii) any commentary or gesture directed at a Game Official as an individual, or regarding the nature of the officiating in the game.
- A “**non-behavior based**” technical foul is one that is assessed “by rule” as a result of in-game Player infractions. An example of a non-behavior based technical foul is a technical foul which is assessed as a result of multiple delay-of-game warnings (e.g., reaching over an end line, touching a ball after a made basket, etc.).

In general, non-behavior based technical fouls shall not result in any enforcement action

by the Board. However, a “non-behavior based” technical foul may be elevated to “behavior-based” status if there is sufficient reason to believe that that the infraction which led to the technical foul was committed intentionally (e.g., a Player intentionally holds that ball after a made basket to express anger that no foul was called or so as to intentionally delay the game).

The Board retains final and sole discretion as to what action(s) constitute a “behavior-based” or “nonbased” technical foul for the purposes of this Policy.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

As soon as possible **but not later than by the end of the day of the game in which the technical or game ejection was assessed**, the Head Coach **MUST** report the issuance of a technical foul and/or game ejection to the League Director. The Head Coach shall provide the name(s) of the individual(s) involved and the details of the circumstances under which technical foul and/or ejection was issued.

The notification requirement applies to both behavior and non-behavior based technical fouls, and to every game ejection. Failure to promptly notify the League Director as required may result in administrative action against the Head Coach by the Board, up to and including suspension from future game(s) and/or removal as Head Coach.

SANCTIONS

Any PWBL adult or player participant who is assessed one or more behavior-based technical fouls and/or game ejections will be sanctioned as described below. In general, a Player's status shall not be affected by an individual-based sanction issued to his/her Parent provided that the Parent complies fully with the terms of the suspension.

Coach (Head or Assistants)

First Technical (Season) Suspension for one (1) game
Second Technical (Season) Suspension for two (2) games
Two Technical/Ejection (Single Game) Suspension for two (2) games
Third Technical/Second Ejection (Season) Suspension for remainder of season & lose of future coaching privilege.

Head or Assistant Coaches receiving a suspension under this Policy will not be allowed to participate in or attend any games during the term of the suspension. Games subject to suspension include regular season and playoff games. In the event that a Head Coach is suspended, the Board shall appoint an interim Head Coach to manage the team during the term of the suspension.

Player or Parent (Adult Non-Coaches)

First Offense (Technical or Ejection) Suspension for two (2) games
Second Offense (Technical or Ejection) Suspension for remainder of season

Player or Parent receiving a suspension under this Policy will not be allowed to attend any practices or games during the

term of their suspension. Games subject to suspension include regular season and playoff games.

Team-Based Sanctions for Technical/Ejections

First Offense (Technical or Ejection) Mandatory Team Meeting with Board
Second & Subsequent Offense(s) Potential forfeit of next game, at discretion of Board

ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS

The sanctions described above represent the minimum penalty actions to be taken by the Board, and are in addition to any other in-game or post-game sanction imposed by the PWBL governing body.

The Board reserves the right to impose more-stringent penalties on a case-by-case basis, as circumstances warrant.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/We agree to abide by the PWBL Disciplinary Policy.

PLAYER NAME (PRINTED) & SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT NAME (PRINTED) & SIGNATURE DATE