



NO ZONE PROCEDURE

HOW THE RULE WORKS:

From the commencement of Grading 2016/17 **NO** Under 12 or Under 14 VJBL team is permitted to play a 'zone' defence.

- Coaches are not permitted to instruct a team to play zone and they must play 'Man to Man' defence using correct 'Man to Man' defensive principles.
- If a coach hasn't instructed their team to play a zone, but their team is playing a zone outside of their instructions, it is the coaches responsibility to ensure their team play 'Man to Man' defence. No excuses will be tolerated for failure to do so as the coach has the power to remove offending players from the court if they are not playing correct 'Man to Man' defence.

The VJBL Administration will determine violations of the 'No Zone Rule' by investigating one or more of the below points.

- One or more players were not in acceptable 'Man to Man' defensive position in relation to the player they are guarding and the player with the ball.
- A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable 'Man to Man' defensive techniques.
- Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team made no attempt to re-establish correct 'Man to Man' defensive positioning.
- The team zone pressed and did not assume 'Man to Man' defensive positioning once the ball had been advanced into the half court

WHO CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT OR INFORM THE MUVJBL ABOUT AN ALLEGED ZONE BEING PLAYED:

- The Opposition coach may make a complaint or inform the VJBL Administration through their Nominated 'No Zone Representative' if they suspect a team of playing zone, as long as they follow the correct procedure.
- In the best interest of the game, the VJBL Administration may investigate any team suspected of playing zone, by viewing the game on the night, viewing video footage obtained from the game or reviewing the written complaint. Please note however this can be done with or without a complaint being made.

REPORTING ALLEGED ZONE INCIDENT:

- The VJBL Administration has up to 7 days to request and view the game footage before making a report or acting.
- If the opposition coach believes a zone has been played, the coach is required to follow the below procedure as instructed by the VJBL Administration

DURING GAME PROTOCOL:

At no stage are the coach, players, spectators or No Zone representative to approach the opposition team, referees or the referee coaches to discuss the alleged incident during the game or after the game. This will avoid any unnecessary conflict between the two teams. **Offenders may be put on report.**

CORRECT AFTER GAME PROTOCOL:

It is the responsibility of the coach to contact the 'Nominated 'No Zone Representative' (as nominated on the entry form) from their Association to discuss how they believe the opposition team played a zone (provide video evidence if it is available).

If the 'Nominated No Zone Representative' believes the coach is correct and the team played a zone, the 'Nominated No Zone Representative' will be responsible for lodging the complaint with the VJBL Administration. The 'Nominated No Zone Representative' can do this by downloading the 'No Zone Complaint Form' from the VJBL website and return it (with video and written evidence) by close of business the next working day.

Please note the VJBL Administration can investigate any team and request to view footage for up to 7 days following the completion of the game before making a report.

REVIEW AND APPEAL OF ALLEGED ZONE INCIDENT FOR GRADING, CROSSOVER, NORMAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND LEAD UP FINALS GAMES.

Once the VJBL Admin. has received official notification of an alleged incident the following procedures will take place.

- The VJBL Administration will review any video and written evidence provided and if necessary the Basketball Victoria Operations department will be consulted before a decision is reached.
- Once the review is completed the VJBL Administration. will discuss its preliminary findings with the 'Nominated No Zone Representative' that made the original complaint and the 'Nominated No Zone Representative' from the Association accused of playing a zone.
- The 'Association Nominated No Zone Representative' will then have 24 hours to appeal the decision in writing to the VJBL Admin.
- If required the VJBL Appeals Committee will then review the appeal and make their final ruling.

TIMES WHEN THE RULE DOESN'T APPLY:

- If a team has 4 players on the court, they may play a zone.
- If a team has only 5 players suited up, they can play a zone in the first half and must play man to man in the second half.

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE: (GRADING AND CROSSOVER GAMES)

- **First Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$100 fine will be issued.
- **Second Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$200 fine will be issued and coach will be banned for three VJBL Rounds.
- **Third Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued and the coach will be banned for six VJBL Rounds.

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE: (NORMAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)

- **First Offence:** Coach to receive a \$50 fine and they must attend and complete another 'No Zone' coach's clinic at their own expense.
- **Second Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$100 fine will be issued.
- **Third Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$200 fine will be issued and coach will be banned for three VJBL Rounds.
- **Fourth Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued and the coach will be banned from coaching in the Under 12 and Under 14 VJBL competition for the remainder of the season including finals.

Please note: All offences will carry over for a three-year period.

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE: (LEAD UP FINALS)

- **First Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$100 fine will be issued.
- **Second Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game and a \$200 fine will be issued and coach will be banned for three VJBL Rounds.
- **Third Offence:** Automatic forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued and the coach will be banned for six VJBL Rounds.

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE: (GRAND FINAL)

- The VJBL Administration will appoint Zone Busters to all Under 12 & Under 14 Grand Finals
- If they believe a team has offended, a technical foul will be called and an official warning.
- Any further zone incident will result in the game being awarded to the opposition.
- **PENALTY:** Forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued and the coach will be banned for six MUVJBL Rounds.

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