



NO ZONE RULE

The use of Zone defence is not permitted at the National Junior Classic in the U12 and U14 divisions.

The 'No Zone' rule is to help encourage and develop man to man defensive and offensive skills in our younger athletes.

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) will appoint a 'No Zone' panel to monitor the U12 and U14 games throughout the tournament. Members of this panel will not be made known to the public or teams, and are not to be approached during the game.

When signing in, teams will be required to nominate one person who will be responsible for communicating with the Tournament Administration regarding the 'No Zone' rule. Only the Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager can be the 'Nominated Person'.

If a team believes that a zone defence is being played by the opposing team, they must follow the guidelines below:

- At no stage during or after the game is the coach/players/spectators to approach the opposition team, referees or the referee coaches to discuss the alleged incident. This will avoid any unnecessary conflict between the two teams. Anyone offending this guideline may be put on report.
- It is the responsibility of the 'Team Coach' to contact the 'Nominated Person' (as nominated on arrival) from their team to discuss how they believe the opposition team played a zone defence. Video footage will need to be submitted to the Tournament Administration Office within 30 minutes of the completion of the game for any consideration to be given for a penalty.
- A meeting of the 'No Zone' Panel will be convened and will only discuss the alleged playing of a zone defence with the 'Nominated Person' and offending coach.

PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF THE 'NO ZONE' RULE IN ROUND GAMES AND LEAD UP FINALS

Video footage will be viewed by the 'No Zone' Panel and if required, a penalty will be imposed and may also result in a forfeit. The offending coach will be invited to speak on the alleged Zone playing. Refer to 'No Zone' rules for coaches listed below for further information.

APEAL PROCESS

The 'Nominated Person' of the offending team may submit an appeal on behalf of the team in relation to the penalty, by giving new evidence as to why the penalty should not be given. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the original penalty being advised to the offending team and handed to the Tournament Administration Office. The 'No Zone' Appeal's Committee will make the final decision and notify the result to the 'nominated person' for the affected teams.

PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF THE 'NO ZONE' RULE IN A GRAND FINAL

- A team playing a zone defence in a Grand Final will be penalised after the game by the 'No Zone Panel' who will be viewing and videoing the game.
- Refer to 'No Zone' rules for coaches listed below for further information.
- Penalty: Forfeit of game.
- The 'Nominated Person' will have the opportunity to appeal the decision. This must be done immediately after a penalty has been given. The 'No Zone' Appeal's Committee will convene and make the final decision and notify the affected nominated persons of the result.

'NO ZONE' RULES FOR COACHES

- Coaches are not permitted to instruct a team to play a zone defence 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 defence, but their team is playing a zone outside of their instructions, it is the coach's responsibility to ensure their team plays '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 an 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.

RESERVE POWERS

The VJBL and the VJBL Venue Manager on their behalf shall have the power to make necessary additional rulings provided these are not contrary to the regulations of those of Basketball Victoria.