



Ipswich Basketball Association (IBA)

Referee Code of Conduct

As an official representing Ipswich Basketball Association (IBA), referees are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and respect. The following Code of Conduct outlines the expectations and responsibilities of all referees:

1. Professionalism and Integrity

- Officiate with impartiality, fairness, and consistency.
- Maintain control of the game at all times, including during stoppages such as timeouts and quarter breaks.
- Do not engage in any behaviour that may bring the sport, IBA, or its members into disrepute.
- Adhere to Basketball Queensland's rules, regulations, and policies at all times.

2. Respect and Sportsmanship

- Treat all players, coaches, spectators, and fellow officials with respect.
- Address conflict professionally and avoid confrontations with players, coaches, or spectators.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language or engaging in unsporting behaviour.
- Encourage a positive and respectful playing environment.

3. Game Responsibilities

- Be punctual and prepared for all assigned games.
- Wear the appropriate refereeing shirt, ensuring correct fit and classification. The preferred shirt is the IBA green or black-and-white shirt featuring the "Ipswich Force" logo. Shirts must remain tucked into pants throughout the game.
- Use proper hand signals and communicate decisions clearly.
- Ensure the safety of all participants by monitoring physical play and enforcing rules accordingly.

4. Conduct During Games

- Stay focused and attentive throughout the game.
- Do not use mobile phones or leave the court during stoppages unless for necessary bathroom breaks. Phones should be stored in lockers within the referees' room or kept in personal bags.
- Avoid engaging in discussions with spectators regarding officiating decisions.
- Uphold the spirit of the game by emphasizing fair play and maintaining control in tense situations.

5. Fitness for Duty and Substance Use

- Referees must not officiate while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance that impairs judgment, reaction time, or physical ability.
- Arriving at a game intoxicated or under the influence of drugs is strictly prohibited and may result in immediate removal from duties.
- If taking prescribed medication that may affect performance, referees must notify an IBA official in advance.
- Maintaining a high standard of physical and mental fitness is expected to ensure optimal officiating performance.

6. Continuous Improvement

- Seek feedback from mentors, supervisors, and experienced referees to improve officiating skills.
- Attend training sessions, workshops, and development programs to enhance knowledge and performance.
- Stay informed about rule changes and updates from IBA.

7. Social Media and Public Representation

- Refrain from posting negative or destructive comments on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, or administrators.
- Do not share confidential information related to games, teams, or officiating decisions.
- Represent IBA professionally in all public and online interactions.

8. Compliance and Accountability

- All referees aged 16 and over must hold a valid Blue Card.
- Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in suspension from officiating duties.

By officiating within IBA, referees acknowledge and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct, ensuring a professional, respectful, and positive basketball environment.