

## Responding to incidents

### **BBBA has zero tolerance to 'sports rage' and poor behaviour**

Players and supporters expect to enjoy the game in a safe environment without exposure to aggressive or disruptive behaviour. The organisation has codes of conduct which participants are expected to abide by. Breaches of these codes will result in disciplinary action. Coaches, board members and games officials want to stop such behaviour at events, so it is helpful to know who is responsible for responding to incidents.

<b>Incident</b>	<b>Who responds</b>
<p><b>Reporting inappropriate behaviour</b></p> <p>Behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct should be reported Behaviour that is dangerous or aggressive should be reported</p>	<p><b>Responsibility of everyone</b></p> <p>Report to the Games Official or a Referee.</p>
<p><b>Approaching the offender</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the Games Official</b></p> <p>Only the Games Official should approach the offender - this prevents the situation escalating.</p>
<p><b>Issuing warnings</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the Games Official / Coach</b></p> <p>The first time a person breaches a code of conduct, they might be issued with a warning. The person might not be aware that their behaviour is unacceptable and should be notified of the organisation's rules regarding behaviour.</p>
<p><b>Taking disciplinary action</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the BBBA Board</b></p> <p>If the conduct is repeated or of a serious nature the Board will take disciplinary action. This could result in counselling, suspension or expulsion.</p>

<p><b>Removing people from the field of play or venue</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the Games Official</b></p> <p>The referee should communicate directly and immediately with the Games Official to remove a person from the ground. The organisation/venue operators can request offenders leave the ground, or otherwise can discipline the person for breach of the code of conduct.</p>
<p><b>Suspending play</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the referee</b></p> <p>The referee may suspend play and refuse to restart until appropriate action has been taken. They may request that a person is removed from the sideline and, in serious cases, abandon the game altogether.</p>
<p><b>Involving the police / Criminal Behaviour</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility of the Games Official</b></p> <p>If a person feels the behaviour of another constitutes a criminal act the police should be notified immediately by the Games Official</p>
<p><b>Responding to child abuse</b></p>	<p><b>Anyone can report an allegation of child abuse</b></p> <p>Report child abuse allegations to a coach, a responsible adult or the nominated child protection officer</p>

In each case an **Incident Report** form is completed

Where an injury has occurred an **Injury Report Form** is completed

Where appropriate **Risk Assessment** form is prepared to manage the risk

Members' behaviour and the potential for discrimination, harassment and child abuse needs to be approached with common sense and good management.

BBBA is a positive and inclusive organisation and seeks to minimise the risks and maximise the benefits associated with participation.

BBBA welcomes participation and values its members.

***Everyone is responsible for and can play a part in contributing to a safe and inclusive environment***