

VJBL U12-U14 NO ZONE PROCEDURE



U12 AND U14 NO ZONE RULE

At no stage is a 'Zone' defence permitted during an Under 12 or Under 14 VJBL game. This rule is applicable to all VC and VJL competitions. Please note that the VJBL has its own specific 'No Zone Rule' that is tailored to the VJBL competition, and this is the only 'No Zone Rule' to be applied in our competition.

HOW THE RULE WORKS

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 coach's 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 reestablish 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

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE:

(ALL GAMES EXCEPT GRAND 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 and a \$350 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 and the coach will be banned for 6 VJBL games

WHO CAN RAISE A 'NO ZONE' CLAIM

- The Opposition coach may make a complaint or inform the VJBL Administration through their Association 'Day to Day Contact' or the 'Association Delegate' 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 AN ALLEGED ZONE

- Once a 'Day to Day Contact' has completed the No Zone report form, the VJBL Administration has up to 7 days to request and view the game footage before taking the report further and acting on it.
- 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, or spectators to approach the opposition team, referees or the referee coaches to discuss the alleged incident during the game or after the game.

CORRECT AFTER GAME PROTOCOL

It is the responsibility of the coach to contact the 'Association Day to Day Contact' or the 'Association Delegate' from their Association to discuss how they believe the opposition team played a zone (video evidence must be supplied).

If the 'Association Day to Day Contact' or the 'Association Delegate' believes the coach is correct and the team played a zone, they will be responsible for lodging the complaint with the VJBL Administration. Either contact can do this by downloading the 'No Zone Complaint Form' from the VJBL website and return it with video and written evidence by 5pm EST the next business day.

The Video evidence must show the entirety of the defensive possession, and we recommend at least three clips be sent. In exceptional circumstances we will accept less clips if a blatant breach of the rule has been made.

Please note: 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. Once the VJBL Administration 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 Operations department from BV will be consulted before a decision is reached.
- Once the review is completed, the VJBL Administration will advise both associations of its findings.
- The 'Association Day to Day Contact' or the 'Association Delegate' of the offending team will then have 24 hours to appeal the findings in writing to the VJBL Administration.
- If required, the VJBL Appeals Committee will then review the appeal and make their final ruling.

TIMES THE RULE'S DON'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.

PROCEDURE IF A ZONE COMPLAINT IS REPORTED: (GRAND FINAL)

If a zone complaint is made at any stage during the game, a flag will be displayed on the score bench in the last few minutes of the game to advise that a review of the game will be conducted after the game by the No Zone Panel. The nominated 'Game Contact Person' of the offending team will be advised of the outcome of the review. The coach will be permitted to present his defence if the request is made. The No Zone Panel will reconvene and a final decision will be made, and the winner will be announced as soon as possible.

PENALTIES FOR PLAYING ZONE: (GRAND FINAL)

First Offence: This includes any games during the current season commencing Grading Phase 1

- Automatic forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued, and the coach will be banned for six VJBL Rounds in the following VJBL season.

Second or subsequent offences: This includes any games during the current season commencing Grading Phase 1

- Automatic forfeit of game, a \$500 fine will be issued; the coach will be banned from coaching in all age groups for the first six VJBL Rounds in the following season including grading
- In addition, the coach will be banned from coaching in the Under 12 and Under 14 VJBL competitions for the following VJBL season including grading.