

LAKESIDE RECREATION CENTRE

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All participants in Lakeside Competitions, including players, coaches, team managers and spectators are expected to uphold a standard of conduct that reflects positively on the sportsmanship and integrity of our events.

Lakeside maintains the authority to promptly request the departure of any coach, manager, player, parent or spectator in the event of;

- Berating, arguing or continual abuse directed at referees, players, other parents or spectators
- Display conduct that is inappropriate in a sporting environment
- Persistent arguing or disagreement with referee decisions
- Any form of abuse or yelling at referees, particularly from the bench
- Willful questioning, demanding or attempting to influence calls or decisions
- Display conduct that is inappropriate in a sporting environment
- Use of condescending language or making remarks directed towards referees and their decisions

<u>NO WARNINGS</u> will be given in the event of the above action occurring and individuals will be promptly removed from the Center, with subsequent formal suspensions being implemented.

Lakeside Court Controllers and Referees are instructed and expected to address any negative behaviour directed towards them by players, coaches, and team officials. There will not be in-game warnings for negative behaviour towards referees. Lakeside would like to make it clear that this letter serves as a formal warning to all participants and officials, and the absence of verbal warnings during the match will not be considered an excuse.

Any instances of ejection, or refusal to leave the venue, will be referred to the Recreation Centre Manager, potentially leading to further formal actions.

The implementation of this Zero Tolerance policy has become necessary due to the rising number of reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour during Lakeside Competitions.

Our desire is to nurture a safe, secure and competitive environment for all participants. Individuals who anticipate difficulty in adhering to the above standards are encouraged not to attend Lakeside events. Our referees are committed to ensuring fair play within the rules of the sport, and we kindly request your cooperation in making their experience as enjoyable as your own playing time