



MARGARET RIVER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

ABN 52 766 463 871

Finals Guidelines for Coaches & Managers

These guidelines for coaches and managers are in accordance with the MRBA By-laws.

Purpose

To ensure all finals games are conducted in a respectful, well-managed environment that supports players, umpires, volunteers, and the integrity of the competition.

Respect for Umpires

- Umpire decisions must be respected at all times.
- Only the team manager may approach the Court Manager regarding game concerns.
- No coach, player, parent, or spectator may approach the score bench or umpires during the game.
- Any queries or issues must be communicated calmly and through the correct channels.

Player Court Time

- Every player listed for the game must receive reasonable court time.
- Coaches are responsible for managing substitutions to ensure all players participate.
- Approved fill-ins can only be used in accordance with the conditions accompanying the approval from the MRBA Committee. Please refer to the MRBA By-laws.

Substitutions

- Players must wait courtside until the umpire calls the substitution.
- No player may step onto the court until the umpire signals them on.
- Coaches and managers must ensure players understand and follow this process.

Time-Out Restrictions

- No time-outs are permitted in the final 3 minutes of the game.
- Coaches must plan their time-outs strategically within the allowed periods.



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Bench & Team Area

- Only registered team members, the coach, and the team manager may sit on the team bench.
- No siblings, parents, or unregistered players are permitted in the bench area.

Injury Management

- The team manager is responsible for assisting players in the event of an injury.
- Managers should ensure injured players are safely supported and, if needed, removed from the court.
- Serious injuries must be reported immediately to the Court Manager.

Coaching Strategy & Game Plan

- The game plan and coaching strategy are at the sole discretion of the coach.
- The team manager supports the coach by assisting with organisation, communication, player readiness, and bench management.
- The manager must not override or influence tactical decisions during the game.

Behaviour & Conduct

- Coaches and managers are responsible for setting the standard of behaviour for their team.
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour from players, coaches, or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Coaches and managers must actively promote respect, teamwork, and positive sportsmanship.

Communication Protocol

- All communication regarding game concerns must go through the team manager to the Court Manager.
- Coaches must not directly engage with umpires or score bench personnel during the game.

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For further details please read the MRBA By-laws.