

### *No Zone Policy – Updated September 2022*

At no stage is a 'Zone' defence permitted during games including Under 14's and below age groups. This rule is applicable to all levels of competitions in the above-mentioned age groups.

The WPBA has its own specific 'No Zone Policy' that is tailored to our competitions, and this is the only policy to be applied in our competition. No other 'No Zone Rule' will be applied.

#### ***NO ZONE PROCEDURE 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.

WPBA 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 re-establish 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

#### ***WHO CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT OR INFORM THE MUVJBL ABOUT AN ALLEGED ZONE BEING PLAYED:***

The opposition coach/manager may make a complaint or inform WPBA Administration if they suspect a team of playing zone, as long as they follow the correct procedure.

- In the best interest of the game, WPBA 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 ALLEGED ZONE INCIDENT:***

- WPBA Administration has up to 7 days to view the game footage before making a report or acting.
- If the opposition coach believes a zone has been played, a representative of the team is required to follow the below procedure
  - Email cut video of incidents
  - Include in the email why/how you believe a zone is played.
  - Email to [will@wpba.com.au](mailto:will@wpba.com.au)

#### ***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. This will avoid any unnecessary conflict between the two teams. Offenders may be put on report.