Tynemet League 2016-17

Disciplinary System

Explanation and Discussion

What is it for ?

- To create a safer environment for the participants and to allow them to enjoy our sport more
- To penalise those who fail to obey the expected rules of conduct --- i.e. to correct their behaviour through sanctions .

- Its NOT because the Disc.Comm. enjoy doing it . However we do want to control the minority of offenders so that the majority of non-offenders are protected .

Process

- TML “Code of Conduct” is the primary document , and is voted upon at the AGM each summer.
- Amendments are proposed by the Disciplinary Committee or League Members.
- The Disciplinary Secretary and the Disciplinary Committee (3)are elected each year at the AGM and they are charged by the full League Executive to enforce the “C.of.C”.

History

- The current system originated in 2006 and has been regularly updated , due to changing FIBA rules , local incidents and circumstances .
- Background

	Disqualifications	Tech Fouls	*(No. of Teams)*
2007-2008	5	87	*28*
2008-2009	5	85	*25*
2009-2010	6	50	*28*
2010-2011	4	67	*28*
2011-2012	4	82	*30*
2012-2013	1	69	*35*
2013-2014	6	45	*32*
2014-2015	2	57	30
2015-2016	1	74	*29*

- 2016-2017 Season so far 10 60 28

Definitions

- “Violent Conduct ” is any Disqualification that involves any degree of personal contact between players/coaches /officials . (TML definition)

- Article 39 of FIBA Rules .

“Fighting “ is physical interaction between 2 or more opponents (players and team bench personnel) .

Disqualification

- NOT the ‘Game Disqualification’ for 2 Tech fouls or 2 x Unsportsmanlike fouls, or for exclusion after 5 Personal Fouls .
- The TML C.of.C specifies that after receiving Referee Reports showing a Disqualification that the Disc. Sec. sends that report to the appropriate Team Sec for their views. After that the Disc. Comm. reviews all of the reports and decides on an appropriate penalty within the C.of.C limits and taking precedents into account (for consistency).
- The current maximum Disc. Comm. limits are ……

	Match Ban	+ Fine	+ Pers Points	+ Team
Disqualification for violent conduct	6	£50	12 pts	12pts
Disqualification for non-violent conduct	3	£20	5 pts	6 pts

Scale of Penalties

- There is a sliding scale of penalties which has been created by the history of the decisions of the Disc. Comm. of previous incidents over the last 10 years.
- Examples …….

During a fight, entering the court from the Team Bench and

i) NOT participating = 1 Match Ban

ii) Laying hands on an opponent = 3 Match Ban

iii) Actually starting the Fight = 6 Match Ban

Who knows what ?

- Are **Coaches** aware of the extent of Penalties?
- Are **Players** aware of the extent of Penalties?
- As well as specific incident personal penalties, there are “Totting Up” Penalties for both the Individuals and the Teams . This can end up in further player Match Bans AND Teams being docked League Points . Is this understood?

Other issues

- There are “Non Violent Disqualifications”, mainly for verbal insults, gross dissent and threats.
- “In the heat of the moment “ , lack of self-control aggression still results in similar levels of Match Bans (sliding scale, depending on the level of Violence)
- Appeals are always allowed.
- The Full League Executive can impose higher penalties than the Disc. Comm. for the most serious incidents.

Are you happy ?
Is there anything to change ?

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