



Over the last number of seasons the issue of player/coach/bench/referee dissent has reached a point that will no longer be tolerated by Basketball Ireland, the clubs or the NRC, so in conjunction with FIBA , we as a whole have come together to ensure that dissent is eradicated from the sport this season.

Players who gesture or have outbreaks of dissent against game officials will receive a technical foul. A player who has asked a question and had it answered by one referee will be warned about their behavior if they approach a second official with the same query. If repeated a technical will be called against the player in question.

Coaches, while responsible for their own behavior, are also responsible for the behavior of bench personal. Any shows of dissent by any member on the bench will be sanctioned with a bench technical foul.

Coach's set the tone for the behavior of his/her players and as such must lead by example. Coaches are reminded to stay in their technical area during playing time and only ask questions of game officials in a professional manner and at appropriate time. Any shows of dissent by coaches will be dealt with, with the sanctioning of a technical foul. Like players, coaches asking the same question of different officials, having been answered will be reminded, with a warning, of their responsibilities.

Referees must at all times act in the highest professional manner expected of a game official. Any unprofessional comments by game officials must be reported and any referee found to have acted unprofessionally will be dealt with in the severest possible manner.

We all have a duty to make sure that our wonderful sport of Basketball is respected by all game participants and played/referred and coached to the highest professional standards and be an enjoyable spectacle for all.