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## TECHNICAL FOUL RULE

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### Domestic Competition Sin-Bin Rule

#### Game referees will be required to:

- **Instantly** penalise any obvious form of dissent, such as disputing calls, critical comments towards Referees or their calls, bad language etc. with a Behavioural Technical Foul and send them to the 'Sin-Bin'. The Sin-Bin isn't necessarily a specified place; it just means that the player or substitute person is required to leave the court for 5 minutes. Timing of the 5 minutes can be done by bench personnel (or any other means acceptable).
- A player who is sent to the Sin-Bin is allowed to be replaced.
- A substitute who receives a technical foul is not eligible to be substituted onto the court until the 5 minute sin-bin penalty is completed.
- A second **similar** offence by the same player/substitute results in them being disqualified from the game. (A 'similar' offence involves more criticism, dissent etc. resulting in a second Technical Foul)

#### Answers to some FAQ's (Frequently asked questions)

##### **1. Is a parent subject to the same penalty if a Technical Foul is called on them because of their actions?**

A: No - the Spectator Code of Conduct and Competition Management should be used to control spectator actions

##### **2. What if the Tech. Foul is for a 'technical' offence - e.g. leaning over the line on a pass in?**

A: The 'sin bin' option shouldn't be applied.

##### **3. What if the Tech foul occurs with one minute to go in the first half?**

A: The player sits out the last minute, then the first 4 minutes of the second half. Similar reasoning would be applied to all intervals of play between periods.

##### **4. What if the Tech foul occurs with four minutes to go in the second half?**

A: The player/substitute is out for the remainder of the game.

##### **5. What if a player refuses to leave the court?**

A: Normal game rules apply - if a Junior, seek adult support. The player/bench person can be reported.

##### **6. What if the team only has 5 players?**

A: Now they only have 4!

##### **7. What if the team only has 2 players left and one is 'substituted' because of a 'Sin-Bin' infraction?**

A: The game is over. The opposition win by default.

##### **8. What if the team calls a time out?**

A: 5 minutes is a 'fixed time' during a playing period. It is viewed as a 'cooling off' period. They must wait the extra minute if the clock remains running.

### **9. Who keeps track of time in the Sin Bin?**

A: The simplest method is to write the offence time on the scorebench and ask the scorer to remind the referee when time is up. Referees should also note the time on the clock when the technical foul was called.