

# **Temple Beth Am Brotherhood Basketball**

## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

The coaches, players, family members, spectators and all others associated with a team shall respect the role of the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the Temple Beth Am brotherhood basketball philosophy of a league focused on good sportsmanship, collegiality, fun and respectful behavior. The referee's role is to maintain this spirit by enforcing and interpretation of the rules of basketball to support a basketball environment where "Brotherhood and sportsmanship" is encouraged. A policy of zero tolerance will be enforced when the behavior of any group has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

To encourage a Zero tolerance policy:

1. No one, except the coach, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. The coach should do it in a reasonable tone and voice level.
2. If the coach requires clarification of a referee's call, the coach must do so in a civil, calm manner. The coach must refrain from yelling, exhibiting extreme angry outbursts or repeated criticism and most of all respectfully direct his discussion to the referee during a stoppage in play.
3. Violators to this policy will be subject to a strict first warning and if they continue to violate the policy they may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action.
4. Each coach is responsible for alerting TBA's zero tolerance policy to parents and spectators of his team. If a spectator is acting in an inappropriate fashion than the coach is expected to have a talk with the spectator at the next stoppage in play and if it continues the spectator should be escorted out of the gym and the coach will receive a technical foul.
5. If spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, they should contact the TBA Brotherhood referee's director for the game in question.