

Behavior Policy

A Behavior Policy has been established through the Saskatchewan Board of Officials and supported by Sask Volleyball to address on-court behavior issues.

The policy is meant to serve as a reminder of the Code of Ethics for Referees, the Code of Conduct for Participants, as well as guide the officials in the appropriate measures for applying sanctions. (Rules 20, 21 and Misconduct Sanction Scale, 2013-14 Rulebook).

Participants (players and coaches)

Participants must recognize that officials have differing perspectives on what is and is not considered an emotional reaction. The following scenarios are examples of actions that must be dealt with appropriately:

- The 1st or 2nd Referee hears foul language used by a participant that is loud enough to be heard by spectators, regardless of where the language is directed.
- A coach yelling across the court to question a referee's decision.
- Verbal comments or gestures by participants directed at an official (including line judges) in regards to a call made.
- When a ball (or object) is thrown, kicked, or deflected in anger by any participant.

The match official has the ability to determine the extent of the offence. If considered minor, the 1st Referee may limit the sanctioning to a verbal warning. The official uses their whistle and makes an indication the conduct must stop. The official warning (yellow card) is given to the player/coach but also applies to the ENTIRE TEAM. Only one official warning is given to a team for the duration of the match. Repetition of minor offences by the same team in the same match will be sanctioned progressively.

If considered major, the 1st Referee shall consider the action in relation to the sanction scale and will apply the appropriate sanction. Sanctions are applied based on the following:

- **Rude Conduct:** actions contrary to good manners or moral principles, or expressing contempt.
- **Offensive Conduct:** defamatory or insulting words or gestures. Repeated rude conduct.
- **Aggression:** physical attack or intended aggression.

Note: There does not have to be a warning to an individual or team before the official applies the appropriate sanction.