



Basketball Australia (incorporating both the WNBL and SEABL) and its member state and territory associations have entered into an agreement with Genius Sports to provide pre-match and in-play integrity reporting for the sport of basketball. This service will monitor hundreds of betting markets leading up to games and during play and report back any anomalies between odds movements and real world information (such as player injuries, transfers and in-game situations) that may indicate inappropriate activity.

In return, Genius Sports have the exclusive right to provide live match-data to the gambling and entertainment markets. Genius Sport will access this live data through the “FIBA Live Stats” program which is expected to be running on each score-table in the relevant leagues.

Basketball Australia, the WNBL, SEABL and all top-level state and territory leagues prohibit courtsiding at all matches. Anyone suspected of courtsiding will be asked to cease immediately. If the behaviour continues, the individual will be asked to leave the venue and will be barred from re-entering the venue in future.

This policy and process should be a standard term and condition of entry for all venues that fall within the scope of this agreement, namely:

- WNBL (Basketball Australia)
- SEABL (Basketball Australia)
- ACT Premier League (Basketball ACT)
- Big V – State Championship (Basketball Victoria)
- DBA Champions League (Basketball NT)
- Queensland Basketball League (Basketball Queensland)
- SA Premier League (Basketball South Australia)
- State Basketball League (Basketball Tasmania)
- State Basketball League (Basketball Western Australia)
- Waratah League – Champions Division (Basketball New South Wales)

Basketball Australia will provide template materials that can be used in-venues to communicate the key messages of this new agreement, namely that:

1. Courtsiding is Prohibited.
2. Anyone who is suspected of courtsiding will be asked to cease immediately.
3. Anyone who continues to courtside will be ejected and barred from the venue.

Under the terms of the agreement between Australian Basketball and Genius Sports, there are no accredited data scouts. Anyone attempting to gain access to venues in this capacity should be denied entry and be reported to Basketball Australia

Sample script for Venue Manager / Crowd Controller:

*“Excuse me sir/madam. I have been observing your behaviour for the past few minutes and your behaviour is consistent with that of someone courtsiding, which is a breach of the terms of entry to this stadium/game. I’m going to have to ask you to put away your phone/tablet/computer and cease transmitting match data or I will need you to leave the venue immediately.”*

Our observations to date is that most basketball courtsiders will leave the venue on being asked to do so. They may debate with you that they are courtsiding, but given the option to stay and watch without using their devices, they tend to leave without much fuss.