

Basketball Australia 'Courtsiding' Policy – Q & A

What is Basketball Australia's position on Courtsiding?

There is no legitimate purpose for a courtsider to be present at any Australian basketball venue.

What is Courtsiding?

Courtsiding refers to the unauthorised transmission of match data in any manner and for any purpose.

Courtsiding includes but is not limited to persons exploiting time lags in official broadcasts or streams for betting purposes, as well as the services offered by data scouts, data journalists and data commentators.

What is Basketball Australia doing to prevent Courtsiding?

Basketball Australia has established The National Integrity Framework – a suite of policies, educational materials and other resources that safeguard basketball against corruption. The Framework applies to all competitions and events conducted under the auspices of Basketball Australia or a member state/territory association, including the National Basketball League.

The Framework includes a policy regarding courtsiding, which prohibits it from all Australian basketball venues. It sets the broad expectations for the conduct of all Participants, but also incorporates detailed policies to regulate behaviour and ensure action can be taken against those who fail to adhere to behavioural standards and expose the sport to undue risk.

Who does the Courtsiding Policy apply to?

The Courtsiding Policy applies to any Participant or Club involved in any Competitions or Events.

All persons attending basketball matches are also subject to eviction from venues under the policy.

I have been caught courtsiding, what will happen to me?

You will be asked to leave the venue immediately. Failure to leave the venue upon request may constitute trespass and local police may be called. You may also be prohibited from returning to the venue and any other basketball venues in the future.

Is Courtsiding linked to match-fixing?

No. Courtsiders are generally seeking to exploit the time lag between an action occurring in real time and the official broadcast or stream for the purposes of gambling on the event. They are not generally involved in fixing the match.

I am a data scout; can I apply for media accreditation?

No. Data scouts, data journalists, data commentators and any other similar service providers are not eligible for media accreditation. Any accredited media who are found to be courtsiding will have their accreditation revoked and be ineligible to reapply for accreditation.

What is the difference between a courtsider and a data scout?

Courtsiders are seeking to exploit time lags in broadcasting or streaming to profit from gambling, while data scouts are transmitting data to enable unauthorised, generally international, betting markets to be framed on local basketball matches.

What if I think someone involved is courtsiding?

Speak up! If you are at the venue and see someone you think is courtsiding, you should report it to the local venue or competition manager.

You can also report it to Stoptline. There are six ways that you can contact the Basketball Australia Reporting Service:

- **Online:** <http://basketball.stoplinereport.com/>
- **Smartphone app:** Search for STOPline in the iTunes App Store or Google Play
- **Telephone:** 1300 30 45 50 – Australia +61 3 9811 3275 – Overseas (reverse charges)
- **Fax:** Attention: Case Manager C/O The Stoptline +61 3 9882 4480
- **Email:** basketball@stoptline.com.au
- **Post:** C/O The Stoptline Locked Bag 8 Hawthorn Vic Australia 3122

When making a report you will need to include as much information as possible about the suspected misconduct as possible. All reports are kept confidential.

For more information on Basketball Australia's Courtsiding Policy see:

- <http://basketball.net.au/integrity/>

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