



BASKETBALL MANAWATŪ

Basketball Manawatu Mouthguard Policy

Adopted from BBNZ Mouthguard Policy

Mouthguard Policy

- It is compulsory for all players participating in all age grade (under 19's and below) competitions, leagues and tournaments run by BBNZ and its members to wear a protective mouthguard when they are on court and the game is in play.
- Basketball Manawatu Premier Adults Competitions, players must wear mouthguards.
- The No Mouthguard, No Play Policy is to be firmly enforced.
- Players are not permitted to share mouthguards.
- Mouthguards of any colour may be worn (except in FIBA events where they must be non-coloured/transparent).

Operational Guidelines

1. Referees will, prior to the game, check that all players on the team rostered scoresheet have a mouthguard.
2. Referees will check that all players entering the playing court are wearing a mouthguard.
3. Any player not wearing a mouthguard as required by this policy will be made to leave the court and may be substituted. Once the player has demonstrated to the referee that they are wearing a mouthguard, the player may be substituted back into the game. In the event a player is unable to demonstrate that they are wearing a mouthguard or persistently fails to comply with this policy during a game the player may take no further part in the game and may be substituted.

Mouthguard Exemption Guidelines

In the case where a player cannot wear a mouthguard due to medical reasons:

1. The player must submit a medical certificate from a dentist clearly stating why a mouthguard cannot be worn by the player with a portrait photo to the basketball organisation running the competition, league or tournament. Where it is Basketball Manawatu, the information must be provided to the Competition & Events Manager (basketballmanawatu@inspire.net.nz) 10 working days prior to the competition, league or tournament. Failure to do so will result in the player not being able to take the court.
2. Basketball Manawatu reserves the right to make the final decision on issuing a mouthguard exemption. As per BBNZ Mouthguard Policy these policy areas must be enforced by all Associations, Clubs, Teams, and Schools operating under BBNZ's authority.