

LA LAKERS Fined \$25,000

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LA Laker Gets Suspended and Fined 25,000

I guess the pressure of loosing for the fourth time in a row to the Dallas Mavericks got the best of Andrew Bynum. He was angry and it showed!! The Laker player elbowed J.J. Barea of the Dallas Mavericks in the ribs as he was going up for a shot, the blow knocked Barea to the ground. It probably would have been ok if Andrew apologized and maybe even offered to help the injured player up, instead he snatched off his jersey while being escorted off the court. The NBA fined Bynum 25,000 and suspended him for 5 games. Bynum since released this apology.

*"I want to apologize for my actions at the start of the fourth quarter in Dallas. This doesn't represent my upbringing and I want to apologize to J.J. Barea for doing that. I'm glad he wasn't seriously injured. All I can say is I look at it as terrible. I saw it. I went in and I watched it, it was terrible. The whole sequence, taking off of the shirt and everything. Sometimes you just have to man up and own it. That's what happened and it's unacceptable. ... It looks bad. It just looks bad." **

□ **Magic Johnson called Bynum's action "Classless"*** .