

## CODES OF CONDUCT

### IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY TO ALL BASKETBALL ACT FACILITIES.

**IT IS AN EXPECTATION OF BASKETBALL ACT THAT YOU ABIDE BY THE CODES OF CONDUCT LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT. FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, IT IS A CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT NON PARTICIPATING YOUNG CHILDREN BE ACCOMPANIED OR ADEQUATELY SUPERVISED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THESE PREMISES. FAILURE TO ACT ACCORDING TO THE CODES OF CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL FROM THE STADIUM AND/OR EXCLUSION FROM BASKETBALL ACT AND ITS ACTIVITIES.**

These codes of conduct are intended as guidelines appropriate for all involved in the sport of basketball; including though not limited to players, coaches, officials and spectators.

These codes are guides within which each participating group should endeavour to operate to improve the basketball experience all participants.

#### **The code requires that you:**

- abide by the rules of the sport
- follow directions given by officials
- demonstrate the principle of mutual respect

Designated officials of Basketball ACT are authorised to require a person to leave the premises if that person breaches the code through:

- verbal or physical abuse of other participants
- harassment or discrimination of individuals or groups
- constant or aggressive questioning of decisions
- ridicule, baiting or uttering audible obscenities
- engaging in behaviour which fails the mutual respect test

Further action is not precluded where a person is asked to leave the premises.

We accept that disagreements and disputes may occur.

Address these in a polite, calm manner using the procedures of your sport.

## Parents Code of Conduct

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behavior and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Realise that there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which are severe.

## Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember children play sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators. They are not miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the referee's decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to query the decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. **Be positive.**
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents, without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Realise that there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which are severe.

## Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in basketball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they are by your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser.
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## Coaches Code of Conduct

- Conduct myself in a dignified manner relating to emotions, language, attitude, actions and punctuality at all times so as not to damage the reputation of Basketball ACT
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of referees, officials and opposing coaches
- Display control and professionalism and respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person you have contact with during the implementation of the program including; opponents, other coaches, officials, administrators, parents, athletes, and spectators
- Refrain from physical contact with athletes except where necessary for the development of the athletes' skill/s or athletic ability
- Be aware and understand the role / influence of the coach as an educator. Therefore impart knowledge in promoting skill, desirable personal, educational and social behaviour
- Never ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is a small part of their motivation.
- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need, and deserve time.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of players.
- Follow the advice of a physician / physiotherapist when determining whether a sick / injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Seek to keep abreast of the latest coaching practices and principles, ensure that the information used is up to date and appropriate to the needs of the athletes while taking into account the principles of growth, strength, and development of children
- Adhere to the Basketball ACT Policy Statements regarding Social Media and Privacy and acknowledge there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which may be severe.

## Officials Code of Conduct

- Place the safety and welfare of players above all else
- Show genuine concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- Give all players a, “fair go” regardless of the gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Remain impartial, consistent, objective and courteous in making decisions, and accept responsibility for your actions and decisions
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect towards the individuality of players
- Avoidance of any situation which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- Positively role model good behaviour and personal appearance
- Ensure your comments are truthful, positive and constructive
- Keeping up-to-date with the latest, “rules of the game”, trends and principles of basketball
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards anyone you may come into contact with whilst in the role of an official
- Refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards any person or persons you may come into contact with
- Do not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol during junior matches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, religion, cultural background or impairment
- Do not participate in any forms of violent, threatening or abusive behaviour
- Realise that there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which are severe.

## Administrators Code of Conduct

- We will create pathways for players to participate not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc
- We will ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity of players
- We will ensure quality supervision and instruction for players
- We will remember that players participate for their enjoyment and benefit.
- We will not over emphasise awards
- We will impress on coaches and officials the need to demonstrate appropriate behaviour and skills development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating
- We will ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs
- We will ensure a safe and appropriately maintained facility for the enjoyment of all
- We will provide a professional, impartial and transparent judiciary process that is without conflict and prejudice.
- We will protect individuals rights and their privacy
- We will distribute a Code of Conduct to players, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it
- We will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol junior matches
- We will not allow or be involved in the unlawful supply of alcohol
- We will not use bad language, nor harass players, coaches, officials or spectators
- We will respect the rights, dignity and worth of people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, religion, cultural background or impairment
- We will promote adherence to anti-doping policies
- We will not participate in any forms of violent, threatening or abusive behaviour
- We realise that there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which are severe