



Coaches Code of Conduct

- Remember that basketball is for enjoyment. Children choose to play for pleasure and fun, and winning is only part of their motivation.
- Any negative verbal comments or body language towards players will not be accepted.
- Coaches are to provide constructive feedback at all times.
- Ensure that activities are well planned and varied to provide opportunity for individual and team development, seek help if required.
- Be reasonable with expectations of time, taking into account their age, level of play and other commitments such as school and employment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Be a fair winner and a good loser. Recognise that in defeat, the loser has achieved something just by playing.
- Teach understanding and respect for the rules. Do not encourage players to ignore or deliberately break the rules.
- Give all players a reasonable amount of court time. This is Domestic basketball and all players need the opportunity of court time to improve skills. Having little or no court time can cause players to suffer from morale problems and they can lose interest in the sport.
- Develop team respect. Instil in your players respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgement and rules, reminding them that they cannot always be right.
- Instil the respect of other teams, players and coaches. Everyone is playing for the same reason and the continued enjoyment of the game is the main goal.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- Act responsibly when players are ill or injured. Behaviour blame or disapproval will not be accepted.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate. Avoid personal relationships with players. The Child Safety Act must be adhered to at all times.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person. Avoid remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory.

This coaches Code of Conduct has been developed using the Basketball Victoria coaches Code of Conduct.

The club committee has the right to impose sanctions to any coach not adhering to the Code of Conduct.

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