

# CODES OF CONDUCT

Guidance on matters of general interpretation and consistency across the sport can be obtained by referring to the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct. These codes apply to Players, Coaches, Spectators, Administrators, Officials and Parents.

Summarised below are the Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Spectators and Parents.

The detailed Codes of Conduct for these people and for Administrators and Officials is available on the Basketball Victoria website.

## [Codes of Conduct](#)

### **Players**

1. Understand and play by the rules.
2. Respect referees and other officials.
3. Control you temper.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.
5. Be a good sport.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
7. Play for the enjoyment of it and not just to please parents and coaches.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
9. Be prepared to lose sometimes.
10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
11. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

### **Coaches**

1. Remember that basketball is for enjoyment.
2. Be reasonable in you demands.
3. Teach understanding and respect of the rules.
4. Give all players a reasonable amount of time.
5. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents including their coaches.
6. Instill in your players respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgement.
7. Guide your players in their interaction with the media, parents and spectators.
8. Group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity, wherever possible.
9. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
10. Be prepared to lose sometimes.
11. Act responsibly when players are ill or injured.
12. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
13. Keep your knowledge current.
14. Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate.
15. Avoid personal relationships with players.
16. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
17. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **Spectators**

1. Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment.
2. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
3. Always be positive in the support for players.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
5. Respect your team's opponents, officials and spectators.
6. Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials.
7. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
9. Keep children in your care under control.
10. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **Parents**

1. Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to always play by the rules.
3. Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
4. Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
5. A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
6. Do not criticise your or others' children in front of others.
7. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
8. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
11. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
12. Keep children in your care under control.
13. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.