

## **SAFETY FOR COMPETITIONS**

This policy is to cover all aspects of safety during Basketball games including-

- Games in Progress
- Games during Halftime
- Time Outs
- Before and After Games

This policy is to cover all games at the following Competition Venues –

- Brickpit
- Loreto College
- Hornsby PCYC
- Barker College
- St. Leos
- Knox
- Abbotsleigh

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association (HKBA) is a member based non-profit organisation and therefore we need help from all Players, Parents and Spectators. Please note that at all venues only the Court is hired -

- Other sporting equipment, stages, foyers, weight rooms, pools & other school buildings & ovals are off limits.
- Only close family members & scorers are allowed at the schools during game time to facilitate transport & the smooth running of the games/other spectators must obtain permission from the HKBA office.
- All participants must enter and leave quietly, vacating school grounds immediately after games to ensure school functions can progress without interference & security can identify those not authorized to enter the school.

### **Players in a Game Situation**

Should a game become unduly rough and Coaches/Managers feel the Referees are not calling enough fouls to control the game, please advise a Court Supervisor ASAP so they can adjust either Personnel or advise Referees to increase calls. Basketball is a physical sport and contact will occur, but can be monitored within the game situation so all players can continue to perform to the best of their ability. See a supervisor at the first instance of an issue so it can be resolved & unnecessary contact not allowed to escalate into a dangerous situation.

### **Other Safety Requirements**

- Fingernails of players to be trimmed before taking the court.
- No jewellery (no studs/rings/piercings), wrist bands, hard plastic injury covers are allowed on Players.
- Long hair should be in a loose ponytail, plaits are not allowed.
- Please keep a safe distance from the court.
- Sidelines must be clear of toys/bags/straps.
- Do not walk across courts unless playing in a game.
- Shoot only when court clear!!
- No people or objects on end lines where players drive to the basket.
- No drink bottles to be taken onto court surface & NO drink bottles on desks.

- Chips and other food items not taken onto court surface or dropped onto adjacent areas.
- Players & Spectators to leave courts immediately after games for safety of next game.
- Bags and water bottles to be stored safely under chairs and never on end lines/sidelines.
- Chairs/bags/shoes/bottles/people must be a safe distance from playing surface
- Other Balls (regulation basketballs allowed) not to be taken inside venues.
- No bouncing, throwing, and passing of balls when other games in progress.
- Everyone to walk carefully and slowly in venues.
- **Children must not run in the venue.**
- **Children's toys – books – puzzles not allowed within 2 metres of playing surface.**