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### Coaches code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball endorses the following code of behaviour for Coaches involved in its basketball programs and events and all Coaches participating in those programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Ensure that their time spent is a positive experience.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules and show good sportsmanship. Lead by example.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. All players need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that violent or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players is not undertaken or permitted.
- Ensure that players and spectators respect the decisions of the officials and that abuse and harassment of officials is not to be tolerated.
- Show respect for the decisions of officials yourself and do not show obvious dissent. Be courteous to officials and if you have any questions of them approach them at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.
- Be aware of any particular referee programs which protect inexperienced referees eg 'Green Shirt' campaign. Give them a chance to develop their skills without harassment or abuse.
- Promote good sportsmanship between your team and opponents.
- Know the Rules and also the Competition By-laws. Without this knowledge you cannot effectively coach your team.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.