

# CODES OF CONDUCT FOR BEHAVIOUR

Basketball New South Wales seeks to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in our organisation and in our sport. To achieve this, we require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators.

## **Our codes of behaviour are underpinned by the following core values:**

- To act within the rules and spirit of our sport
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in our sport and prevent discrimination and harassment
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in our sport
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of our sport

## PLAYERS

- 1) Play by the rules
- 2) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition
- 3) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- 4) Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you
- 5) Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
- 6) Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- 7) Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- 8) Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- 9) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## PENALTIES

Basketball New South Wales may impose disciplinary measures on an individual or organisation for a breach of these By-Laws and Policies. Any disciplinary measure imposed will be:

- 1) Based on the evidence and information presented and the seriousness of the breach; and**
- 2) Determined in accordance with our Constitution, By-Laws, this By-Law and/or the rules of the sport**

The principles of natural justice will be observed when making decisions on breaches of the Codes of Conduct and in deciding any penalties for such breaches.

Any penalties that are imposed are to be appropriate to the seriousness of the breach. Penalties for breaches of the Codes of Conduct that occur at events conducted by BNSW that are confined to the day of competition shall be determined by the BNSW representative. Penalties that go beyond the day of competition shall be determined by BNSW.

# ADMINISTRATORS

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- 1) Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity
- 2) Give all young people equal opportunities to participate
- 3) Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc
- 4) Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players
- 5) Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players
- 6) Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards

7) Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating

8) Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasis fair play, and not winning at all costs

9) Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it

10) Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive

11) Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action

12) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

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## PARENTS

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- 1) Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- 2) Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- 3) Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- 4) Encourage children always to play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- 5) Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- 6) Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants
- 7) Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- 8) Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- 9) Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
- 10) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

## SPECTATORS

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1) Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours

2) Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome

3) Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same

4) Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational

5) Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players

6) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game

7) Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions

8) Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials

9) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion