

BASKETBALL BC

Respecting The Game

FAIR PLAY CODES

FOR BASKETBALL BC PROGRAMS*

Basketball BC is committed to programs that emphasize “Respecting the Game”. While encouraging playing hard, we also encourage playing for fun. We believe that developing a healthy respect for the game will lead to programs that are fun, at an appropriate competitive level and that we all can be proud to be a part of.

Basketball BC has approved the following Codes of Conduct for all programs, players and participants in authorized Basketball BC programs.

It is recommended that all leagues, teams, associations make their best efforts to communicate all codes to their participants.

It is further recommended that these Codes of Conduct be posted at all venues where Basketball BC programs occur – whether it be practice, game or other scheduled events.

These Codes of Conduct represent a general philosophy that should encompass all Basketball BC programs. They are not expected to cover every possible situation nor are they all inclusive. Basketball BC programs cover a wide range of ages of participants and not all points may be applicable to each participant but the underlying philosophy of “Respecting the Game” is important for all participants involved in Basketball BC programs.

It is understood that individual teams, leagues, associations etc., may add to these codes to cover specific circumstances e.g. a travel policy, a chaperone policy, a curfew policy, special playing rules and other special situations.

- Basketball BC has used Sport BC, the Australian Institute of Sport and Basketball BC materials to draft this information.



Coaches' Code

1. The building of sound, fundamental basketball skills and developing a love for the game is the first objective.
2. Encourage team play.
3. Every attempt should be made to give players equal playing time
4. Reinforce good sportsmanship whenever possible.
5. Show respect for referees, other coaches and players at all times.
6. As much as possible be a resource person to your players, helping them to develop their athletic and human potential.
7. While trying to treat all players as equals, recognize that all children are not the same and respect their individual differences.



Parents' Code

1. Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Allow your child to participate in sports voluntarily.
3. Remember that children learn best by example.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Accept your child's mistakes and disappointments with positive reinforcement.
6. Accept all officials' decisions and respect their integrity
7. Help your child understand that individual skills and achievements are more satisfying when applied to a team situation.
8. Teach your child that an honest effort and hard work is just as important as a victory.



Players' Code

1. Play for the fun of it (and not to please parents and coaches).
2. Play by the rules.
3. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents.
4. Work hard for yourself and your team.
5. Respect and accept officials' decisions.
6. Control your temper.
7. Be a good sport and treat all players like you'd like to be treated... the basketball golden rule.



Administrator's Code

1. Remember that you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
2. Give all children equal opportunities to participate.
3. Ensure that everyone involved emphasizes fair play.
4. Give an appropriate code of conduct sheet to all players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators.
5. Help coaches and officials reinforce appropriate behavior and basketball skill development.
6. Ensure that the rules, equipment, length of games and practices is suitable for the age, ability and maturity level of the participants
7. Ensure that all participants and spectators are aware and respect the rules of the facility.
8. Remember, kids participate for enjoyment!



Spectator's Code

1. Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Applaud the efforts of both teams, regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Support the efforts of all participants regardless of mistakes they may make
4. Encourage players to follow the rules and abide by the officials' decisions.
5. Support the efforts of coaches, officials and administrators
6. Use appropriate language at all times.
7. Condemn the use of violence in any form by anyone associated with the game.