

BASKETBALL NSW

CODES OF CONDUCT



PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Board of Directors NSW Basketball Association

- That you will abide by the policy and guidelines of the statutory requirements of the NSW legislation in relation to child protection and BNSW's sports rage guidelines.
- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in basketball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they be your team or the other team.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "Fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based of gender, race or impairment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser

NOTE: A player who breaches this code can be expected to be put on a player behaviour agreement, irrespective of the outcome of any other disciplinary action.

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COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

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Basketball Australia's Coaches Commission has spent over twelve months investigating the formalising of a set of Etiquette Guidelines. The result is a voluntary code, formulated to encourage a culture of professional standards within our Australian Coaching fraternity. This document which has been processed by basketball coaches for basketball coaches is subject to an annual review and is to be seen as a living document. Therefore suggestions are welcome as undoubtedly adjustments or changes will be necessary to ensure the document is in keeping with the times. Etiquette Guidelines are self-imposed and its adoption is a responsible step by any profession.

- That you will abide by the policy and guidelines of the statutory requirements of the NSW legislation in relation to child protection and BNSW's sports rage guidelines.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need, and deserve, equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and the winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- the scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.
- Be aware of the role of the coach as an educator. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
- Seek to keep abreast of changes in the sport, ensure that the information used is up to date, appropriate to the needs of players and takes account of the principles of growth and development of children
- Profanity is unacceptable
- Dress standards should be appropriate and project a positive image
- Immediately prior to a game commencing, shake hands with the opposition coach
- Immediately a game concludes both coaches should meet at the centre line to shake hands
- Acceptable behaviour by all personnel on the team bench (ie Doctors, Physios, Assistant Coaches, and Managers) is the responsibility of the Head Coach.
- Only one team official at any one time should approach the scorebench

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- Time-outs in the last minute(s) of games by a team with an unassailable winning margin should be for tactical reasons only. If such a time-out is called for the purpose of substitutions, time-in should be called immediately. Therefore, "in your face", time-outs are not acceptable behaviour.
- Direct, hostile or negative comments to opposition coaches or players is unacceptable. Furthermore references made to "bait" opposition players or coaches is unacceptable.
- Coaches should not make comments of a personally insulting nature about opposition Coaches or players in a public forum. This has particular relevance for the media.
- Coaches should abide by the "spirit" as well as the "letter of the law". This has particular relevance in situations where at the conclusion of a game the losing coach wants some local by-law invoked that will change the result. ie. 10 points deduction for incorrect shorts.
- It is not acceptable to constantly beseech referees to make favourable calls on every play.
- It is hypocritical to admonish a referee for not allowing the game to flow only when calls go against your team. ie a 3 second call against Team A. Coach A admonishes the referee with, "Let the game flow" or "Don't overcall". Later a 3 second call is made against Team B, but Coach A has no concerns about the flow of the game.
- It is not acceptable for a Coach to make indirect comments towards referees that allocate blame or incompetence ie. "Don't worry Michael, you never touched him."
- It is inappropriate for coaches to enlist or incite the crowd against the referees.
- Every team member should play in every game (minimum of 15 minutes court time). Australian Junior Championships (U16, 18,20 interstate competition) are exempt from this.
- Unless it is a team's normal style to press defensively it is not appropriate to press weak teams. (ie using a press only as a measure of running up a score against a vastly weaker team).

NOTE: Basketball NSW has in place a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour by coaches towards officials. Action will be taken should reports of inappropriate behaviour be substantiated (eg witnessed by BNSW staff member or authorised person).

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PARENTS / SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Parents/spectators will abide by BNSW's Parent/Spectator Zero Tolerance Policy and guidelines on sports rage.
- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.

NOTE: A breach of this code could result in up to a 12 month ban on attending events conducted by Basketball NSW.

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REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT

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- That you will abide by the policy and guidelines of the statutory requirements of the NSW legislation in relation to child protection and BNSW's sports rage guidelines.
- Interpret rules and regulations to match the skill level and the needs of participants.
- Compliment both teams on their efforts.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsportsmanlike, and promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure that the "spirit of the game" for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the court your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Help the education process in the game. Referees can help players learn to play the game well by ensuring rule infractions are understood, and by encouraging fair play.

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GUIDELINES ON SPORTS RAGE



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As a follow up to the NSW Governments stated position on sports rage, BNSW has decided to issue the following guidelines to basketball organisations, players, officials, parents/spectators so that no one is left in any doubt as to the standard of behaviour we will be striving to maintain from 2005 onwards.

Basketball NSW through its members and staff are actively striving to change behaviours of parents/spectators that portrays poor sporting behaviour, incites violence, abuses, harasses or the uses inappropriate language. Collectively these inappropriate behaviours are known as sports rage.

SPORTS RAGE - WHAT IS IT:

- Misplaced enthusiasm
- A loss of perspective
- Living life through your child/children
- The adoption of a winning at all costs attitude.
- Any behaviours that incite, harass, demean or belittle

WHAT IS NEEDED IN BASKETBALL TO PREVENT IT:

- Codes of conduct/behaviour that incorporate both child protection and sports rage issues.
- Creating an awareness of child protection issues
- Proactive procedures in relation to conflict resolution
- Initiating change in certain aspects of behaviour
- Adopting organisational goals that stress fun and enjoyment and minimising the win at all costs ethic.

THE AIM OF THESE GUIDELINES:

- Awareness
- Creating a sports rage position – zero tolerance policies for coaches and parents/spectators

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