



## Code of Conduct

Our Code of Conduct is based on nine principles and exists to ensure everyone is able to enjoy the game. The golden rule being to **'treat everyone the way you would like to be treated'**. All players and parents are expected to have read and understood the club's Code of Conduct and to adhere to it at all times.

The Club retains the right to suspend or deregister players for failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Principle	Players	Parents & spectators
<b>1 Play for pleasure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents &amp; coaches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are involved in sport for their pleasure, not yours</li> <li>Encourage them to participate only if they are interested - if they are not, do not force them</li> </ul>
<b>2 Be fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play by the rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage children to always play by the rules</li> </ul>
<b>3 Be a good sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge all good plays by both teams</li> <li>Shake hands with the other team after the game</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge all good plays by both teams</li> </ul>
<b>4 Remember basketball is a team sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work equally hard for yourself and your team</li> <li>Co-operate with your coach and team mates</li> <li>The rebound, intercept or pass are just as important as the shot for goal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to do your share, be it scoring, assisting with transport, or helping whenever possible</li> </ul>
<b>5 Encourage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage your team mates, appreciate their efforts, be they successful or otherwise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciate the children's efforts, irrespective of the outcome</li> <li>Do not criticise children in front of others - reserve constructive criticism for more private moments</li> </ul>
<b>6 Respect the other team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat all players as you would like to be treated</li> <li>Do not interfere with, bully, or take advantage of another player</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not criticize opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture</li> </ul>
<b>7 Respect referees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEVER argue with a referee either by word or gesture</li> <li>ALWAYS accept their decision</li> <li>If you disagree, have your coach approach the referee in an appropriate manner, either during a break, or after the game</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not express disagreement with the referee's decisions either verbally or by gesture</li> <li>Accept decisions by referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability</li> </ul>
<b>8 Control your temper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, is not acceptable or permitted in basketball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set a good example by your own conduct and behaviour</li> <li>Support all efforts to remove verbal or physical abuse from sporting activities</li> <li>Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment</li> </ul>
<b>9 Accept winning and losing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be prepared to lose sometimes – everyone wins and loses</li> <li>Be a humble winner and a good loser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teach children that an honest effort is more important than victory, so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment</li> <li>Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning - ask... 'Did you enjoy the game?' rather than 'Did you win?'</li> </ul>