

Positive

or it's pointless



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The following Code of Behaviour is for all Players, Officials, Administrators, Coaches, Managers and Spectators of Varsity Vipers Basketball Club

- Play by the rules.
- Give your best at all times; respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Help each person (athlete, Official etc) reach their potential. Respect the talent, development stage and goals of each person, compliment and encourage with positivity.
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of basketball promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of basketball.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of basketball.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict or interest or bias to affect your objectivity.
- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at anyone for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Never argue with an official, if you disagree, have your captain, coach or Manager, address the matter after the completion of the game in the appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.