

# South Australian Amateur Basketball League Incorporated Code of Conduct – Affiliate Clubs, Teams & Players

## Background and objects of this Code

1. The Board of the South Australian Amateur Basketball League Incorporated (**League**) has resolved that the League adopt this Code of Conduct (**Code**). The terms and operation of this Code may be amended, varied or terminated from time to time by resolution of the Board.
2. This Code is designed to ensure that the integrity, welfare and good reputation of the League is maintained, including by seeking to:
  - 2.1 ensure that all current and future Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players understand their rights and obligations in connection with, and as participants in, the League;
  - 2.2 protect and promote Affiliate Clubs' (including officers, officials and members), teams' and players' ability to participate in, and enjoy, the activities of the League, and the basketball competition(s) organised by the League; and
  - 2.3 otherwise further the objects of the League.
3. The Code adopts the defined terms used in the Constitution governing the League.

## Status and objects of the League

4. The League is an incorporated association, and a legal entity in its own right.
5. The League is governed in accordance with its Constitution (**Constitution**).
6. The Constitution provides that the League's objects are:
  - 6.1 to promote and encourage participation in basketball in the state of South Australia;
  - 6.2 to promote and encourage the principles of fair play, teamwork and sportsmanship through basketball;
  - 6.3 to provide and promote an opportunity for all members of the South Australian community to participate in basketball in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment;

- 6.4 to arrange, administer and control a competition of basketball matches between Affiliate Clubs of the League; and
  - 6.5 to adjudicate all questions and matters of dispute between Members arising in connection with the League.
7. In pursuit of certain of those objects, the League seeks to promote and contribute to:
- 7.1 a safe and inclusive environment for all;
  - 7.2 equal treatment and respect for all;
  - 7.3 the prevention, avoidance and elimination of any offensive, violent or abusive behaviour; and
  - 7.4 the protection for all participants in the League (including referees, other officials and spectators) from harassment (including but not limited to sexual harassment), bullying, racism, discrimination, intimidation or ridicule.

#### **Notice, acceptance and commencement of Code**

8. All persons participating in the League, including but not limited to Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players, shall be deemed to have notice of, and will be bound by, this Code and its provisions, by a copy of the Code being provided by e-mail to the Delegate (or other nominated contact representative) of the Affiliate Club at or prior to the commencement of each basketball season, or by such other means as the League, by its Board or delegate, including but not limited to the Executive Officer, may determine from time to time.
9. This Code shall commence and be effective on and from 7 February 2018 (being the date of the League's Inaugural General Meeting).

#### **Rights and responsibilities**

10. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team, player, referee or other official and spectator has a right to be treated equally and fairly in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of this Code.
11. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player acknowledges and agrees that the right to participate in the League and its activities is subject at all times to:
- 11.1 the Constitution, as may be amended by the League from time to time;
  - 11.2 this Code, as may be published by the League from time to time;

- 11.3 any rules, by-laws, policies, terms or conditions and / or guidelines that may be published by the League from time to time; and
  - 11.4 the disciplinary and tribunal processes and procedures that the League may adopt and implement from time to time.
12. All Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams and players submit to the League's disciplinary jurisdiction.
13. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player, acknowledges and agrees that while playing or otherwise participating in any League game for an Affiliate Club or team, or in any Affiliate Club and / or team uniform, or while attending as a spectator to support any Affiliate Club and / or team, that person is representing the relevant Affiliate Club and / or team, and, by extension, the League.
14. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player must, at all times:
- 14.1 display appropriate, respectful and responsible behaviour toward all:
    - (a) Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members) (whether their own or opposing);
    - (b) teams (including opponents);
    - (c) players (including opponents);
    - (d) referees;
    - (e) League officers and officials; and
    - (f) spectators;
  - 14.2 act in a manner consistent with the League's aims to promote and contribute to
    - (a) a safe and inclusive environment for all;
    - (b) equal treatment and respect for all;
    - (c) the prevention, avoidance and elimination of any offensive, violent or abusive behaviour; and
    - (d) the protection for all participants in the League (including referees, other officials and spectators) from harassment (including but not limited to sexual harassment), bullying, racism, discrimination, intimidation or ridicule;

- 14.3 be respectful of all facilities and equipment of the League and of any other relevant organisations, Affiliate Club(s) or team(s), and refrain from engaging in activities or behaviours which may risk damage or injury as a result of use of such facilities and equipment;
  - 14.4 refrain from acting in a manner calculated to, or reasonably likely to, cause harm to the spirit or morale of the League or other participants in the League and its activities; and
  - 14.5 act in a manner so as to avoid bringing the League, Affiliate Clubs (including officers, officials and members), teams, other players, or themselves into disrepute.
  - 14.6 conduct themselves in a responsible manner with respect to language, temper and attitude (on and off the court);
  - 14.7 demonstrate good sportsmanship;
  - 14.8 abide by the rules of the game and respect the decision(s) of the referee(s);
  - 14.9 cooperate with and follow the reasonable directions of any League officers or officials;
  - 14.10 avoid individual or collective behaviour which might reasonably be construed by any other person(s) in the vicinity as offensive; and
  - 14.11 act in the best interests of the League, their relevant Affiliate Club and team.
15. Each Affiliate Club will be responsible for the conduct of its officers, officials, teams, players and spectators.
  16. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player is responsible for:
    - 16.1 ensuring that they are familiar with, understand, respect and use reasonable endeavours to adhere to the rules and regulations applying to League matches or competitions in which they may participate; and
    - 16.2 taking reasonable steps to familiarise themselves with relevant League information, including match programs and social programs.
  17. Each Affiliate Club (including officers, officials and members), team and player must take all reasonable steps to keep the League advised of their contact details from time to time, and to maintain at all times appropriate levels of communication with the Executive Officer or organiser for the League and any Affiliate Club and/or team in which

they are a player to ensure the orderly organisation of teams and attendance for League matches and other relevant League activities.

**Non-member players**

18. From time to time persons who are not members of any Affiliate Club and/or team may be asked and/or permitted to play in the League as a temporary measure, or in order to avoid a forfeit.
19. Affiliate Clubs and/or teams who invite or allow such persons to play must take all reasonable steps to ensure:
  - 19.1 that such persons are aware of the spirit and intent of this Code;  
and
  - 19.2 for such time as those persons may participate in a League match as part of an Affiliate Club and/or team, or in activities ancillary to such a match, that such persons act in a manner consistent with this Code.