



## YORKE VALLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS - CODE OF CONDUCT

Yorke Valley Basketball Association endorses the following code of behaviour for Referees involved in its basketball programs and events and all Referees participating in the Yorke Valley Basketball Association will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of children.
- Know the Rules and also the Yorke Valley Basketball Association Rules and Regulations and implement them consistently and courteously.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions. Ensure that those decisions are fair and even-handed.
- Compliment and encourage all children. Make the effort to explain decisions to younger players when it is clear that they do not understand.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents. Ensure that violent, dangerous or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players, is not permitted by players, coaches or spectators.
- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- It is the wish of our Association that the courts are kept clear during a game. The benches either side of the score bench, are to be used by coaches, players, umpires and team managers only. As the parents and/or peers of our players we ask that you remind players of this if they forget.