



CODE OF CONDUCT – PLAYER PARENT/CAREGIVER

PUMA believe that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

Encourage Fair Play

- Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams and teach children to do likewise
- Basketball is a team sport. Please encourage your Player to support and encourage their teammates. Please lead by example.
- Sportsmanship is considered to be very important by PUMA. Be a positive role model.

Respect Everyone Involved

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
- Advise your child to respect the competition rules and decisions by officials, administrators and their Coach and Manager. Please lead by example.

Keep Your Emotions in Check

- Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Never use bad language or harass others. Inappropriate behaviour or language by anyone cannot be tolerated. Junior sport should be a safe environment for everyone.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age

Help Kids Enjoy Sport

- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Emphasise trying hard and having fun, not only winning.
- Give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort

Player Welfare

- Your Coach and Manager are not permitted to administer medical treatment to your child. They can call for medical assistance if you are not available and they consider it warranted. Any costs will be the responsibility of the family.
- Advise your Coach/Manager of any injury that happened during training or a game. Please report any injury to the officials at the courts (Duty Manager and or Court Controller).
- If medical assistance is required please ask the medical practitioner – doctor, physiotherapist, emergency department etc for a medical certificate at the time of the appointment. The certificate may be useful for insurance reasons and or for competitions reasons.
- Families are responsible for advising the Coach and the Manager of any injuries or conditions that may affect the Player's game. Please do so as early in advance as possible to avoid any last minute issues.
- You are responsible for your child at training. You may only leave your child unsupervised if the Coach/Manager has agreed and they can contact you by phone.
- PUMA strongly encourages families to have a responsible adult at all games.

- Families are asked to make sure that the Coach or a replacement Coach will be at a session or game before they leave the child unattended. Families are required to make collection arrangements for their child after a training session or a game if they are late or will not be attending.

Help Keep Things Running Smoothly

- Families are required to register and make payment for their Player by the advertised date prior to the competition.
- Families are asked to help Players to be on time and to be ready for games and training sessions. Players should always start with a full sports water bottle.
- Training and games are compulsory. Please advise your Coach ASAP if you will not be attending. PUMA accept that there may be reasons why a Player may not be able to attend but these should be kept to a minimum. When a family registers and pays for their child PUMA will consider that the Player is committed to the team.
- Families are asked to make sure the Player has the correct playing uniform, as required under the junior competition ByLaws. Players are required to wear shoes suitable for basketball, their team playing top and the compulsory black Willetton junior competition club shorts. The team will be penalised 5 points per player out of uniform.
- Families are required to take turns at scoring for the team. The Manager will organise a scoring roster. If you are unable to score on your rostered day then it is the responsibility of the family to swap with another family or find a replacement scorer. Scorers should be age appropriate to score.
- The playing top is on loan each season. Loss or any damage to the top will require a \$50 replacement fee from the Player's family.
- Please discuss your child and their game with the Coach. Immediately before or after a game is often not the best opportunity for a good discussion.
- All contact by families with the Coach and or Manager should be at an appropriate time and place. PUMA recommend and encourage that a suitable time and place should be made through the Manager for a meeting or for contact by telephone with the Coach.
- Discussions where a family has concerns should be had away from your child and other children and families to avoid distress of any kind.

The PUMA Way

- A thank you to your child's Coach and Manager for their dedication, time and efforts would be appreciated. PUMA ask our families to be supportive of our Coaches and Managers.
- Adhere to the [WBA Code of Conduct](#) and [BWA Code of Conduct](#)

Thank you for your support. Enjoy the game!