

Codes of Behavior

The Spirit of the Game involves respect and a duty of care for:

- *Your opponents*
- *Your own captain and team*
- *The role of the referees*
- *The game and its traditional values*

This social competition has been organised to enable new players, parents and children from U16's and up as well as skilled players to play in an understanding and safe environment. Its aim is to promote basketball, develop younger players and fitness. All players have a duty of care to each other and more skilled and knowledgeable players are expected to encourage and take care of the younger and less skilled players. It is expected that players be honest and assist the referee in determining the correct call.

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules and in accordance with the spirit of Social Basketball.
- Never argue with a Referee. If you disagree with a decision, have your captain, approach the referee during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or the sledging of other players – as well as deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent – is not acceptable or permitted in Basketball.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition and if you feel you have fouled a player raise your hand. Allow the referee to determine whether it's called or not.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your captain, teammates and opponents.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Play the game for the game's sake. It should be enjoyable for your teammates, the opposition, the officials and the spectators, as well as you.

REFEREES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
6. Listen to players who call their own fouls by raising their hand or give out of bounds calls to the opposing team.

ACTIONS TAKEN FOR POOR BEHAVIOUR

The Team Captains are responsible for their player's behavior; they will be the first point of contact should the referees or other teams have an issue with a player on their team. If a player receives a Technical or Unsportsmanlike foul they will be required to sit out for the rest of that quarter and the next. If the same

player receives 2 technical fouls they will be required to sit out the rest of the current game and miss the next week's game.

The Club otherwise supports and asks that its Players, Parents, Coaches and Referees comply with other *Codes of Behavior and policies* published by Basketball Australia at <https://australia.basketball/about-ba/policies/>