



## Player Code of Conduct

### Goals

Harbour Basketball (“**Harbour**”) endeavours to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone at Harbour and in our sport. To do that, we require certain standards of behaviour from our players both on and off the court.

Central to our Player Code of Conduct are the following 3 goals:

**To ensure Harbour players act within the rules and spirit of our sport.**

**To ensure Harbour players display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in our sport.**

**To ensure the safety and well-being of the people involved in our sport.**

### The Code of Conduct

1. Play by the rules. If you consistently commit deliberate fouls or break the rules you must accept that there will be consequences for you and your team. Do not let yourself or your team down.
2. Be a good sport. Always introduce yourself to your opponents on court and congratulate them whether you win or lose. Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
3. Show respect to your coach, follow instructions, and be committed and appreciative towards your coach and team manager. Remember they are mostly there on a voluntary basis.
4. Show respect to all game officials. Never argue with or criticise any official of the game. If you disagree with a decision, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
5. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging or intimidation of other players, or deliberately distracting, provoking or being violent towards an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in basketball.

6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Do not abuse or ridicule another player (whether on your team or on the opposition).
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. The use of derogatory language based on gender, race, religion or impairment is not tolerated at Harbour. Similarly, Harbour will not tolerate the use of sexual innuendo or harassment directed at other players, coaches, managers or officials. This includes explicit, implicit, verbal or non-verbal sexual innuendo or harassment.
8. Harbour players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the reputation of their team and Harbour at all times. Any conduct that brings a player's team, Harbour or Basketball New Zealand into disrepute will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.
9. All Harbour players must also comply with all aspects of Basketball New Zealand's Code of Conduct and Fair Play (Regulation 3C), a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Schedule 1.
10. Players must not engage in any activity which is likely to result in loss or wilful damage to property or cause injury to any person. Do not engage in dangerous practices such as hanging off hoops.
11. No Harbour player:
  - (a) may use performance enhancing drugs at any time while a member of Harbour;
  - (b) may use recreational drugs, tobacco or vape while attending or participating in any event run by Harbour or in which Harbour participates; and/or
  - (c) under 18 years of age may drink alcohol while attending or participating in any event run by Harbour or in which Harbour participates. Harbour players over the age of 18 years are not to drink alcohol while participating in any event run by Harbour or in which Harbour participates, but may do so after such an event has concluded but should they do so they should only do so in moderation.
12. Mobile phone and camera use. The privacy of all players and coaches must be respected at all times. Mobile phones, video cameras and/or cameras may not be used in any changing room. Any unauthorised or inappropriate sharing (whether to social media or otherwise) of photographs, videos, or personal information may result in disciplinary action.
13. Players must advise their coach of any injury prior to training sessions and games.

14. If you are injured, you are required to attend all games and training sessions to ensure easy transition back to matches and training following recovery from injury.
15. An unwell player is not to attend games or training sessions.
16. Attendance at games and training is to be given priority over school sport; schools have agreed that representative sport takes precedence.

### **Penalties**

Harbour may impose disciplinary measures on an individual who breaches this Player Code of Conduct.

Any disciplinary measure imposed will be based on the evidence and information presented and the seriousness of the breach.

The principles of natural justice will be observed when making decisions on breaches of the Player Code of Conduct and in deciding any penalties for such breaches.

The consequences for serious breach of this Player Code of Conduct may include being sent home from tournaments, events and/or cancellation of membership of Harbour.

Where a player under the age of 18 years' has breached this Player Code of Conduct and the breach has been determined to be serious, such that it is appropriate to impose a penalty which involves sending the player home from a tournament, a Harbour event or an event Harbour is participating in, that player's parents accept that they will make all the necessary travel arrangements at their expense to see that player safely home.

**I hereby confirm that I have read the foregoing Player Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by it.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Required if the player is under 18 years of age.)**

## Schedule 1

### Basketball New Zealand's Code of Conduct and Fair Play (Regulation 3C)

#### C3 Code of conduct and fair play for players

C3.1 Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game and shall:

- (a) Play according to the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball and of the particular game, tournament, or league in which they are participating.
- (b) Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decisions without dissent.
- (c) Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.
- (d) Co-operate fully with their coach and team mates, remembering that they are participating in a team sport.
- (e) Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities.
- (f) Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

C3.2 Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:

- (a) Approaches to referees shall be by the (court) captain and/or head coach only and in accordance with the provisions of FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
- (b) Court captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner.

C3.3 Players shall refrain from:

- (a) continually following officials to question decisions.
- (b) dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.
- (c) making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions of dissent.
- (d) "mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
- (e) using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.