



BASKETBALL'S FAIR PLAY CHARTER

basketballscotland, its clubs, officials, competitors and spectators, are perceived by the public as representatives of the sport, and must always attempt to set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play, especially to the younger generation, by the way they carry out their responsibilities both on and off the court.

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- Will ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by players and officials, and properly enforced.
- Will make every effort to ensure that these rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality.
- Will impress upon players and officials the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in the organisation and playing of basketball.

Basketball Players

- Must abide by the rules and the spirit of the game.
- Must accept the decisions of the referees without question or complaint.
- Must never consider cheating and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs.
- Must exercise self control at all times.
- Must learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional displays.
- Must treat their opponents and teammates with due respect, both on and off the court.

Basketball Coaches

- Must insist that players understand and abide by the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Must never countenance the use of drugs by players.
- Must never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the long term health or physical development of their players.
- Must not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their players or their opponents.

Club Officials

- Must respect the regulations and authority of **basketballscotland** and its member organisations, and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations.
- Must recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times.
- Must respect the rights of other clubs and not deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of any other club.
- Must respect the rights of players, coaches and officials, and not exploit nor deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of them.
- Must not endeavour to influence the result of a match by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fairplay.

Sponsors and Promoters of Basketball

- Must not seek to influence unduly or improperly the outcome of basketball competitions by financial inducements.
- Must understand and agree that the administration and organisation of all basketball competitions and events is the exclusive responsibility of the appropriate basketball authorities.



PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in basketball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they are from your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser.



SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Remember children play sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators. They are not miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the referee's decision. If there is disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to query the decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Be positive.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents, without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities and avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour



COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of players.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need, and deserve, equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, and the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.
- Be aware of the role of the coach as an educator. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
- Seek to keep abreast of changes in the sport; ensure that the information used is up to date, appropriate to the needs of players and takes account of the principles of growth and development of children.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Recognise players' rights to consult with other coaches and advisers. Cooperate fully with other specialists (for example, sports scientists, doctors and physiotherapists) and follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development. Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Do not exploit any coaching relationship to further personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of your players.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.



ADMINISTRATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Involve children in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Equipment and facilities must be safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating children.
- Ensure that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skills provide adequate supervision.
- Remember that children play for enjoyment; downplay the importance of awards.
- Avoid allowing basketball programmes to become primarily spectator entertainment.
- Focus on the needs of the participants rather than the enjoyment of spectators.
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skills.
- Distribute codes of conduct brochures to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players.



OFFICIAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Interpret rules and regulations to match the skill level and the needs of participants.
- Compliment both teams on their efforts. Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsportsmanlike, and promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the court your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Help the education process in the game. Referees can help players learn to play the game well by ensuring rule infractions are understood, and by encouraging fair play.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.