

Cambridge Basketball Club Coaches Code of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health of the participants. This code of conduct has been developed by Cambridge Basketball Club to give coaches a guide to the expectations of behaviour and conduct while representing the club. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in Basketball.

1. Remember that Basketball is for enjoyment.

Remember that Basketballers play for fun, and enjoyment of the sport and winning games is only part of their motivation. Always make players feel welcome and supported whenever they attend training and matches.

2. Teach understanding and respect for the rules.

Teach your players that by understanding and playing by the rules is their own responsibility and that the rules exist for their safety. Do not encourage players to ignore or deliberately break any rules.

3. Treat all players equally and give all players reasonable amount of court time.

All players need and deserve reasonable court time. Avoid over-playing the talented players as it is unfair to both them and those who are less able. Players cannot improve without the opportunity of a reasonable match practice.

4. Teach players respect of officials during games.

Players should be taught to understand that officials have a difficult task to perform and that without them games cannot be played. They are there to enforce rules of play but cannot always be right. Teach players to respect the officials' decisions without question or remark. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated.

5. Teach respect for opponents and coaches.

Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants in the game. Encourage your players to accept that their opponents are entitled to proper courtesy. This includes congratulating them whether they win or lose and accepting loss gracefully.

6. Do not ridicule or yell at a player.

All players deserve to be treated with respect. Ridiculing or yelling at a player can be demoralising and can damage self-esteem.

7. Always display control and respect to all involved in the sport.

As coach you lead by example. Under no circumstances is it okay to be disrespectful to an official on game day, players and parents from your team or the oppositions team or members of committee. Accept the decisions of referees as being fair and made to the best of their ability. Your actions reflect on the club, and it is important to always remain respectful while representing Cambridge Basketball Club.

8. Keep winning in perspective.

Maximise participation and focus on participation for fun and enjoyment. Encourage your team whether you experience a win or a loss. Ensure that skill level, fair play, appropriate behaviour, and enjoyment are priority over competition.

9. Consider maturity and skill levels.

Match up practice schedules, activities, and degree of competition considering these.

10. Promote diversity and tolerance amongst the team and players.

Ensure all players are treated equally and that players are treating their team with the same tolerance not favouring players on their team over others.

11. Stress safety and ensure that equipment and facilities are safe.

12. Displaying and promoting the Cambridge Basketball Club values is an expectation of coaches and required to be demonstrated at all times. Negative actions reflect badly on the club and its members.

Ensure that the safety of your players is the number one priority while training and participating in games. Seek and follow up physician advice concerning injured players.

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Failure to comply to the Code of Conduct could lead to suspension or resignation of your position(s) as coach.

Signed

Team(s)

Date