

Cambridge Basketball Club Players 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 players a guide to the expectations of behaviour and conduct while attending training and games. 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.

Encourage your team mates in the sport. Have fun at the same time as build on skills in the sport and increasing your fitness.

2. Play by the rules.

Cambridge Basketball Club encourage participants to play the sport by the rules. If you see your anyone breaching the rules you should speak to your coach or team manager. Do not encourage them to ignore or deliberately break any rules.

3. Be respectful of officials during games.

Players need 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. Be respectful to the officials' decisions without question or remark. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated.

4. Be respectful of opponents and coaches.

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

5. An honest effort is as important as a victory.

Whilst a win in basketball brings pleasure and excitement, it is not the most important thing. Participating to the best of your ability is far more important than winning.

6. Work equally as hard for yourself as for your team.

You owe it to yourself and your team to train and play to the best of your abilities. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.

7. Be a good sport and treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Acknowledge all good plays whether they be from your team or the opposition. Good manners and respect go a long way and can be infectious. Everyone likes to be praised when they do something right. Respectfully, when a play doesn't go to plan, do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player or another team.

8. Do not criticise or yell at another player

All players deserve to be treated with respect. Ridiculing or yelling at a player can be demoralising and can damage their self-esteem. If you have an issue with a player(s) please raise this with your coach or team manager.

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

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.

10. Recognise and value the importance of volunteer coaches and team managers.

Understand that coaches and team managers are volunteers and are there to help and support in the sport of platers in basketball. Always treat coaches and team managers with respect and address any concerns appropriately.

11. Control your temper

Verbal abuse of officials is a serious offence against the rules of basketball. Verbally abusing other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are also not acceptable or permitted in basketball.

12. Listen to the advice from your coach.

Your coach has been appointed to coach your team because they have certain abilities and experience. They have also undergone training to ensure that you get the best coach that you can have. Work with your coach, not against them.

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

Failure to comply to the Code of Conduct could lead to suspension or removal from the club.