

Cambridge Basketball Club Team Manager 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 team managers 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 your team feel welcome and supported whenever they attend training and matches.

2. Teach understanding and respect for the rules.

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Do not criticise 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.

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

As a team manager 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.

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

Ensure all players are treated equally regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion and that players are treating their team with the same tolerance not favouring players on their team over others.

8. Recognise and value the importance of volunteer coaches.

Work with your coach, not against them, without a coach there will be no team. Ensure the coach is being treated respectfully by players and parents.

9. Hold coaches accountable.

Ensure your coach is displaying the Cambridge Basketball Club values and treating players fairly and with respect.

10. Ensure parents and spectators are behaving appropriately at training and games.

During training and games, ensure that parents and spectators are displaying the clubs' values, treating officials, players, and coaches with respect. Ensure their behaviour is acceptable, and they are not overstepping the role of coach.

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

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.

12. Player information.

Player information is property of Cambridge Basketball Club and access to such information is private and confidential and should only be accessed and used for Cambridge Basketball Club purposes. Any person/s caught using this information for other purposes including transferring to other clubs may not be granted transfer requests and/or potential legal action may be taken for breaching player confidentiality.

Displaying and promoting the Cambridge Basketball Club values is an expectation of team managers 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 resignation of your position(s) as team manager.

Signed

Team(s)

Date