



## Code of Conduct

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Young people involved in sport have a right to participate in a safe and supportive environment. Australians are sport mad. We love our sport; however, this can at times create unpleasant situations. Overzealous parents, boisterous spectators, opinionated players and quick tempered coaches may need to be reminded of appropriate behaviours when involved with junior sport.

A Code of Conduct provides the basis for fair play for all young people and encourages fun, friends and safe environments. The Meteors hope this conduct will be adopted and endorsed by our Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators.

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. These codes of conduct have been developed by Basketball Victoria to give participants a guide to what is expected of them. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their experience in basketball.

### Players Code of Conduct

- Understand and play by the rules
- Respect referees and other officials
- Control your temper
- Work Equally hard for yourself and for your team
- Be a good sport
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated
- Play for all the “enjoyment of it” and not just to please parents and coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Be prepared to lose sometimes
- Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

### Coaches Code of Conduct

- Remember that basketball is for enjoyment
- Be reasonable in your demands
- Teach understanding and respect for the rules
- Give all players a reasonable amount of court time



- Develop team respect for the ability off opponents including their coaches
- Instil in your players respect for officials and in acceptance of their judgement
- Guide your players in their interaction with parents and spectators
- Group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity, whenever possible
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Be prepared to lose sometimes
- Act responsibly when players are ill or injured
- As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours
- Keep your knowledge current
- Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate
- Avoid personal relationships with players
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

### **Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct**

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to always play by the rules
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as victory
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning
- A child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams
- Do not criticise your or others' children
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators
- Keep children in your care under control
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

### **Spectator's Code of Conduct**

- Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment
- Accept Decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- Always be positive in your support for players



- Condemn the use of violence in any form
- Respect your team's opponents, officials and other spectators
- Encourage players to obey the rules and to accept decisions of officials
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person
- Keep children in your care under control
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided
- No Meteors registered player may participate in a fixture game of basketball until either the player and/or the parents/guardian of the player have completed and signed the Player's Code of Conduct and Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct.
- It is the responsibility of coaches and team managers to ensure that players, parents and supporters have completed and signed the Code of Conduct. Team Officials such as Coaches and Team Managers are required to adhere to the Coaches, Parents and Spectators Codes of Conduct.
- A full description of Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct can be found at: [http://www.frankstonbasketball.asn.au/uploads/media/Codes\\_of\\_Conduct\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.frankstonbasketball.asn.au/uploads/media/Codes_of_Conduct_Booklet.pdf)
- Frankston District Basketball Association (FDBA By-Laws govern all competitions managed by the Frankston & District Basketball Association. This includes Junior Saturday and after school competitions, senior men, women and mixed competitions and the all abilities competitions. [http://www.frankstonbasketball.asn.au/uploads/media/FDBA\\_By-Laws\\_2014\\_Feb.pdf](http://www.frankstonbasketball.asn.au/uploads/media/FDBA_By-Laws_2014_Feb.pdf)
- Regulations have been developed to support coaches and team managers act upon breaches of the Codes of Conduct by Players, Parents and or Spectators.