



CODE OF CONDUCT

At Merinda Park Basketball Club, we seek to provide a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for everyone involved in our organisation and in our sport. To achieve this, we require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators.

Our codes of behaviour are underpinned by the following core values.

- To act within the rules and spirit of our sport.
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in our sport and prevent discrimination and harassment.
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in our sport.
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of our sport.

B1: Coaches, Officials and Support Staff

As a coach, official or support staff member appointed by MPBC, you are expected to always meet the following requirements regarding your conduct.

1. Comply and encourage compliance with MPBC standards, Casey Basketball By-Laws, MPBC Member Protection Policies and MPBC Child Protection Policy.
2. Encourage and adhere to the rules and spirit of the sport of basketball including national guidelines, regulations and rules that govern MPBC and the game of basketball and the competition in which you are participating.
3. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to athletes, MPBC and the game of basketball by:
 - Maintaining or improving your current level of accreditation.
 - Seeking continual improvement through performance appraisal and education.
 - Providing a planned training program.
 - Maintaining relevant records.
4. Be fair, considerate, and honest with all players, officials, and team members. Ensure that every player's time spent with you is a positive experience. Treat each player as an individual by:
 - Providing each player with equal attention and opportunities.
 - Respecting the talent, developmental stage, and goals of each individual player; and
 - Helping each player reach his or her full potential.
5. DO NOT use your involvement with MPBC to promote your own beliefs, behaviours, or practices where these are inconsistent with those of MPBC.

6. DO NOT use any form of abuse, harassment or discrimination, or any conduct which might be regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination towards others. Be alert to any conduct which may be reasonably regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination that is directed towards athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
7. Ensure that any physical contact with players is appropriate for the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
8. DO NOT form any intimate relationship with athletes under your care, supervision, or tutelage.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years wherever possible.
10. Treat people involved in the game of basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations, and respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence.
11. DO NOT engage in any conduct which is/might be reasonably regarded as; or is being investigated for potentially being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.
12. DO NOT denigrate and/or intimidate players, officials, spectators, or event organisers.
13. DO NOT enter in to unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions or spectator or player conduct.
14. Treat another person's property with respect and consideration of its value.
15. DO NOT make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious, or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of MPBC or which bring MPBC, or the team into disrepute.
16. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes by:
 - Providing a modified training program where appropriate.
 - Allowing further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
 - Seeking medical advice when required; and
 - Maintaining the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
17. Provide a safe environment for training and facilities and competition by:
 - Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards; and
 - Ensuring equipment, rules and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
18. Behave and encourage behaviour that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of Basketball Australia and/or Constituent Associations.
19. Not engage in, or encourage, any conduct which is unbecoming of a MPBC representative that brings the game of basketball and/or MPBC into disrepute or is otherwise harmful to the interests of basketball and/or MPBC.
20. Be a positive role model for basketball and players. Encourage your players to demonstrate the qualities outlined in this Code. Respect the law and customs of each area you visit in foreign countries.

B2: Players

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.

4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

B3: Parents

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example.
7. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants, be it MPBC, or another club.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
10. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate, and remember that there is a right and a wrong way to communicate with your club representatives.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

B4: Administrators

1. Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation, and decision making related to the activity.
2. Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
3. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
4. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
5. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
6. Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
7. Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
8. Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
9. Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players, and encourage them to follow it.
10. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
11. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

B5: Spectators

1. Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
8. Do not use foul language, sledge, or harass players, coaches, or officials.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.