



# Codes of Conduct

## COACHES, ASSISTANTS, MANAGERS

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Give young people the chance to try out different playing positions and different sports.
- Create opportunities for participants to learn appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified sports over highly structured competition.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications and the principles of physical growth and development.
- Promote a culturally tolerant environment.
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and refereeing as well as playing.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs. Avoid overly negative feedback.
- Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
- Implement policy and practices (and lead by example) in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- Listen to your players and ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be respectful and mindful of other basketball participants and officials when using electronic/social media.