



Coaches' / Team Manager's code of behaviour

SA Country Basketball seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in our organisation and sport. We require standards of behaviour of players, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians and spectators.

As a coach/team manager you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times.

- Remember, players participate for enjoyment, ensure that their time spent is a positive experience
- Never ridicule or raise your voice at a player for making a mistake
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach your players to follow the rules and show good sporting behaviour, lead by example
- Be fair, considerate and honest with all players, officials and team members, treat each player as an individual by providing each player with equal attention and opportunity; respecting the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player and helping each player to reach their potential
- Ensure that violent or aggressive play, abuse or harassment of players is not tolerated
- Ensure that players and spectators respect the decisions of the officials and refrain from abuse or harassment of officials
- Show respect for the decisions of officials and do not display dissent, be courteous and if you have any questions approach officials at an appropriate time and manner
- Be aware of beginner officials programs that include inexperienced officials e.g. 'Green Shirt' campaign, give them an opportunity to develop their skills without harassment or abuse

- Promote good sportsmanship between your team and opponents
- Know the rules of the game and the competition by-laws
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to resume training or competition
- Ensure that physical contact with a player is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the players skill development
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children and young people
- Respect the rights, dignity of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with players and persons under the age of 18
- Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products when permitted for yourself and others under your care
- Always act in accordance with SA Country's policies and procedures including the Member Protection and Social Media Policies