

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

SPECTATORS

As per the Basketball NSW Constitution, Policies and the BA/BNSW Member Protection By-Law and/or this code, you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times:

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- That you will abide by the policy and guidelines of the statutory requirements of the NSW legislation in relation to child protection and "play by the rules" sport rage guidelines
- Do not use derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment. Actively support all efforts to remove all forms of verbal abuse e.g. sledging or trash talk from our sporting environment
- Direct, hostile or negative comments to opposition coaches, players, referees or spectators are unacceptable. Furthermore references made to 'bait' opposition players, coaches, referees or spectators are unacceptable
- Spectators should not make comments of a personally insulting nature about opposition coaches, referees, players or other officials in a public forum. This has particular relevance for the media.

Basketball NSW may take action under our Member Protection Policy By-Law for any registered members.

Any breaches by non-members, may result in being refused entry and/or membership to ANY Basketball NSW sanctioned events or member associations.

