



COACHING POLICY

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. These codes of conduct have been developed based on Basketball Victoria guidelines to give coaches some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. 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 involvement in basketball. Coaching youth basketball is a gift. As a coach, you have the opportunity to positively impact a young person's life, and that influence may well be lifelong

We recognise that the success of junior basketball relies on the families to volunteer their time to support their team.

Requirements:

Every team requires a coach to attend training sessions and game day, whether the coach is unable to attend they are required to arrange for another parent from the team (with the appropriate child safety documents) to fill in.

Coaches over the age of 17 are required to hold a valid Working with Children Check and any other relevant documentation required by the competition in which the coach is involved

No coach should be obliged to accept an Assistant, unless for some reason the Assistant has been appointed earlier, and the coach understands before acceptance that the Assistant is part of the terms of appointment.

Coaches must abide by the Basketball Victoria Coaches Code of Conduct.

As a member of the bench Coaches are bound to display sportsmanship.

Coaches should remember only one member of the bench may be standing (the coach) during play. In addition, Coaches must not criticize other coaches to any parent or player associated with the team or concur with any criticism from those sources.

Tasks of a Coach may include:

1. Leading all communication within and throughout the team with the support of the Team Manager (parents, players)

2. Lead, direct and support team manager in their delegated role
3. Development of team rules, expectations, season plans and objectives
4. Lead weekly training sessions at a venue identified by the Venue Coordinator
5. Lead the team on game day, through providing guidance, direction and managing time outs and fair substitutions.
6. Develop and execute plans for training sessions
7. Ensure all players are introduced and taught a variety of skills and concepts and developed across varying playing positions
8. Ensure players are athletically developed through warm-ups and stretching practices
9. Provide encouragement suggestions and feedback to players
10. Maintain a coach's bag and advise the Team Manager if items are used or need replacement
11. Provide clear and proactive communication/s both during and after a game where player/s have demonstrated frustrations.
12. The Coach should seek to make the season a fun learning experience for the whole team. The whole team includes players, parents, coaches and team managers.

Coaches Code of Conduct

1. **Remember that basketball is for enjoyment.**
2. **Be reasonable in your demands** on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
3. **Teach understanding and respect** for the rules of the game.
4. **Give all players fair and equal court time.**
5. **Develop team respect** for the ability of opponents, including their coaches.
6. **Instil in your players respect for officials** and acceptance of their judgment.
7. **Ensure equipment and facilities** meet safety standards and are age-appropriate.
8. **Be prepared to lose** and model good sportsmanship.
9. **Act responsibly** when players are ill or injured.
10. **Promote personal and social development** alongside skills and knowledge.
11. **Keep your knowledge current** through continued learning.
12. **Ensure physical contact is appropriate** and respectful at all times.
13. **Maintain child safety standards** in all player interactions.
14. **Respect the rights, dignity, and worth** of every person.
15. **Respect all facilities and equipment** provided for training and game

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