COACH BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

To participate as a coach in Tauranga City Basketball Association competitions, coaches are required to read and acknowledge agreement to the following Code of Conduct / rules of Tauranga City Basketball Association.

- Coaches shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour.
- They shall encourage positive communications between themselves and players, referees, administrators and the general public.
- Coaches shall conduct themselves in manner that reinforces their place as a leader and role models for their players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and by demonstrating positive support for all players, opposition coaches, officials and spectators at every game.
- Observe the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball, and of the particular game, tournaments or competitions in which they are participating in, and insist that the players and teams under their direction do likewise.
- Remember that they have undertaken the responsibility of assisting their player to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills of basketball to achieve their potential, as well as promoting desirable traits in them. As youth coaches, remember that the game is for the players/children and not adults.
- Coaches shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:
    - On-court approaches to referees shall be done by the on-court captain only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
    - Coaches are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner.
    - In matches involving Junior Referees, approaches can only be made to the Senior Referee, Referee Coordinator or Floor Controller.
- Coaches should refrain from:
    - Continually questioning decisions.
    - Dissenting from decisions, whether by words or body language.
    - Making gestures by waving arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions
    - Using rude, offensive, and/or threatening language.

- Head Coaches shall not encroach onto the playing floor during the course of a game (other than as authorised by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules) or move out of the coach's box while the game is in progress.
- Given that assistant coaches must normally remain seated on the team bench, assistant coaches shall not assume actions or positions reserved for head coaches.

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game and shall:

- Play according to the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball and of the particular game, tournament, or league in which they are participating.
- Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decision without dissent.
- Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violet or abusive actions and language.
- Co-operate fully with their coach and team mates remembering that they are participating in a team sport.
- Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

- Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:
    - Approaches to referees shall be by the (court) captain and/or head coach only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
    - Court captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner. In matches involving Junior Referees, approaches can only be made to the Senior Referee, Referee Coordinator or Floor Controller Players shall refrain from:
    - Continually following officials to question decisions.
    - Dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.
    - Making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions and other similar actions of dissent.
    - "mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
    - Using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.

PARENT & SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

We have seen on occasion a range of poor behaviours demonstrated by spectators in the past.

- Parents and spectators should:
    - Remember that although the basketball at the event my, or may not, be at an elite level, it is still sport, and often junior sport, and is to be enjoyed by all participants.
    - Respect all participating players and officials as you would respect your own children and friends, and applaud good performances by all participants.
    - Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language or actions, and by not harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
    - Remember that destructive criticism has no place in basketball and especially in junior basketball. It is very hurtful to the recipient and ultimately reflects poorly on the game.

A reminder that even as a spectator you are a representative of Tauranga City Basketball Association and the school / team your child plays for.

All spectators are to be seated or stand away from the court.

There will be ZERO tolerance for abusive / aggressive language or personal remarks directed at referees, coaches or players.

Any spectator not keeping to this Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises.