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## **CODE OF CONDUCT AND FAIR PLAY**

The Purpose of this Code is to set the standards of behaviour that Franklin Basketball Association (FBA) considers necessary and are in the best interest of basketball in Franklin.

Failure to comply with the standards outlined below is an offence and is subject to disciplinary procedures and will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Alleged offenders will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

It is not the intention of this Code to prevent courteous and proper player and coach exchanges, or to discourage preventive officiating such as a “quiet word on the run”. However, in instances when acceptable behaviour has clearly ceased, penalties will be involved.

### **Persons to whom the code applies**

This Code applies to:

- (a) All persons who are within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Internal Regulations , and Policies of FBA;
- (b) Employees and contractors of FBA, in accordance with the Employment Relations Act;
- (c) Coaches, officials, administrators and any other person involved with basketball as governed by FBA; and
- (d) Associations, clubs, and other bodies directly or indirectly affiliated with FBA.

### **Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Players.**

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decision without dissent.
- (c) Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.
- (d) Cooperate fully with their coach and team mates remembering that they are participating in a team sport.
- (e) Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities.
- (f) Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

- (g) Maintain high personal behaviour and standards at all times so as not to damage the reputation of Franklin Basketball Association.
- (h) Be frank and honest with all coaches concerning illness, personal well-being or injury and my ability to practice fully within the programme requirements.
- (i) Respects the equipment provided to them as part of their involvement in the programme.

Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Court Captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner. In matches involving coloured shirt referees, approach can only be made to the senior referee.

Players shall refrain from:

- (a) Continually following officials to question decisions.
- (b) Dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.
- (c) Making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions and other similar actions of dissent.
- (d) "Mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
- (e) Using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.
- (f) The use of Drugs, Alcohol, Vaping, Smoking or Performance Enhancing Supplements are strictly prohibited.

### **Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Player Entourage**

Parents and Spectators should:

- (a) Remember that although the basketball at the event may, or may not, be at an elite level, it is still a sport, and often a junior sport, and is to be enjoyed by all participants.
- (b) Respect all participating players and officials as you would respect your own children and friends, and applaud good performance by all participants.
- (c) Maintain high personal behaviour and standards at all times so as not to damage the reputation of Franklin Basketball Association.
- (d) Ensure that my child is frank and honest with all coaches concerning any illness, personal well-being or injury and the effect this may have on their ability to practice fully within the requirements of the programme. Also ensure that my child communicates any illness or injury in a timely manner with as much notice as possible.
- (e) Ensure that my child cares for and respects the equipment provided to them as part of their involvement in the programme.
- (f) Understand that subjectivity is an unavoidable element of selection, and avoid reacting in a negative manner.
- (g) Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly and adhere to the 24 Hour Rule when it comes to addressing concerns arising from games and/or selections with the Coach.
- (h) Accept all coaching decisions as being in the best interests of the team and refrain from coaching from the sidelines and/or undermining coaching decisions outside of the team environment.
- (i) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language or actions, and by not harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators; and

- (j) 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.
- (k) Ensure that my child cares for and respects the equipment provided to them as part of their involvement in the programme.
- (l) Understand that subjectivity is an unavoidable element of selection, and avoid reacting in a negative manner.
- (m) Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly and adhere to the 24 Hour Rule when it comes to addressing concerns arising from games and/or selections with the Coach.

### **24 Hour Rule.**

The Franklin Basketball Association subscribes to the 24 Hour Rule, whereby parents and/or supporters are not allowed to approach a coach for at least 24 hours after the conclusion of a game or training session to discuss any issues surrounding playing time, position on team, in game decisions etc. The 24 Hour Rule applies to all forms of communication such as, but not limited to, in person, phone calls, messages, email and social media.

### **Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Coaches.**

Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner that reinforces their place as leaders and role models, and encourage positive communications between themselves and players, referees, administrators and the general public. They shall:

- (a) Perform their coaching duties on the basis of careful preparation.
- (b) Ensure that their instruction is current, accurate and appropriate and that it is based on practices for which they are qualified and acquired knowledge and skills.
- (c) Have a primary concern for the health, safety and personal welfare of their players and, accordingly shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
- (d) Treat all persons with dignity and respect thereby providing a model of fair play and sportsmanship.
- (e) Observe the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball, and of the particular game, tournaments or league on which they are participating, and insist that the players and teams under their directions do likewise.
- (f) Remember that they have undertaken the responsibility of assisting their players to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills of basketball to achieve their potential, as well as promoting desirable traits in them.

Coaches shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Coaches are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner. In matches involving coloured shirt referees, approaches can only be made to the senior referee.

Coaches should refrain from:

- (a) Continually questioning decisions.
- (b) Dissenting from decisions, whether by words or body language.
- (c) Making gestures by waving arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions; and
- (d) 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 his teams half 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.

### **Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Technical Officials**

Referees and other technical officials (including score bench personnel) have an important role in ensuring that acceptable behaviour is displayed by all participants on court at all times. They shall:

- (a) Be mentally and physically prepared for the entire game or event.
- (b) Maintain complete neutrality at all times.
- (c) Accept their role as a communicator and role model for fair play.
- (d) Accept the role as a member of the "officials" team - embrace teamwork, cooperate with and assist fellow officials, scorebench personnel and others associated with the game or event.
- (e) Conduct themselves in a professional manner both on and off the court.
- (f) Attend organised functions as a representative of the referee and officials; and
- (g) Remain open to constructive criticism and suggestions from the Technical Committee, or delegated authority, showing respect and consideration to those offering assistance.