



Code of Ethics and Conduct

General principles

All those involved in basketball must treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural or social background, sexual orientation, religious belief, political affiliation or any other personal characteristic/feature. England Basketball is opposed to any form of violent, offensive or discriminatory behaviour and will act as necessary to remove individuals from basketball who do not abide by this Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Everyone involved in basketball, both adults and young people, have a responsibility to treat everyone with dignity, respect, sensitivity and fairness. In particular, be aware of the special needs of young people and vulnerable adults, and recognise that some face additional barriers.

Every young person or vulnerable adult involved in the game of basketball should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. Allegations of a child protection nature relating to the breaking of this Code of Ethics and Conduct must follow the reporting procedures as contained in the England Basketball Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

All affiliated players agree to:

- Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation;
- Treat your team-mates and opponents, coaches, club officials and match officials with respect and consideration at all times - treat them as you would like to be treated;
- Not use foul, sexist, racist language or offensive gestures at any time;





- Know and abide by the rules and spirit of the game;
- Avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents;
- Accept the decisions of the match officials without question or complaint (let your captain or coach ask the necessary questions) and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official;
- Abide by the instructions of the coach and club officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code of Ethics and Conduct or the rules of basketball;
- Not attempt to improve individual performance with the use of banned substances / techniques;
- Condemn the use of recreation and performance enhancing drugs and abide by all anti-doping requirements;
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance through the whole game, even if it is considered already over;
- Learn to accept victory and defeat with humility and dignity and without excessive emotional displays;
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own;
- Be a good sport, applaud all good performance, whether by your team or by the opponent;
- At the end of play applaud and thank your opponents and the match officials;





All family/guardians of participants will:

- Teach your child to treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation; gender, ethnic origin or cultural background;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal, physical and racist abuse from basketball;
- Not force an unwilling participant to take part in basketball;
- Remember that young people are involved for their enjoyment - not yours;
- Encourage all to play by the rules and respect the match officials;
- Never ridicule or shout at a participant for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Teach that effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment;
- Remember that young people and vulnerable adults learn best by example;
- Refrain from publicly questioning the judgement or honesty of match officials;
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteers in basketball. They give their time, energy and resources to provide recreational activities for others.

7. Spectators

All spectators of games under the jurisdiction of England Basketball will:

- Do not use offensive, discriminatory or obscene language or gestures. Do not harass or verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators in any form;
- Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation;





- Condemn the use of violence in all forms and refrain from any violent or aggressive behaviour;
- Show respect for opponents and match officials. Without them there would be no game;
- Acknowledge good performance and fair play by opponents as well as by your own team;
- Remember the players are taking part for their enjoyment not yours;
- Do not ridicule players who make mistakes;
- Do not over emphasise the importance of winning;
- On no account should you enter the court unless authorised otherwise.

8. Young People

Young people to each other should:

- Never bully, spread rumours or tell lies about other young people;
- Welcome and include new players whatever their background or ability;
- Control your emotions - verbal or physical abuse is not acceptable at any time;
- Don't show off or try to humiliate other players;
- Don't ridicule or blame team mates who make mistakes;
- Make sure you tell your coach/parents if another young person confides in you;





I agree to the above code of conduct.

Player Name:.....

Player Signature:.....

Parent Name:.....

Parent Signature:.....

