



Basketball England is committed to maintaining the highest possible standards of behaviour and conduct at basketball games. The following principles must be adhered to **at all times** so that basketball can be enjoyed by all.

CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT

- Everyone involved in basketball, both adults and young people have a responsibility to treat everyone with dignity, respect, sensitivity and fairness.
- Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation;
- Every person involved in the game of basketball should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse
- Ensure their behaviour is not misconstrued or open to allegations of favouritism, misconduct or impropriety;
- Never use foul, sexist or racist language or act in a violent/abusive manner;
- Avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents;
- Refrain from undue public criticism of other coaches or match officials.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal, physical and racist abuse from basketball;
- Do not ridicule players who make mistakes
- Do not over emphasise the importance of winning;
- Do not shout abuse at officials, coaches, players or other spectators;
- 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;
- 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;
- Learn to accept victory and defeat with humility and dignity and without excessive emotional displays;

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS DURING THE GAME, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT MANAGER:

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

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