

COACHES' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Freeling Basketball Club endorses the following code of behaviour for Coaches involved in its basketball programs and events. All Coaches participating in these programs and events will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball:

Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Ensure their time spent is a positive experience.

Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.

Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Teach your players to follow rules and show good sportsmanship between teams and opponents. Lead by example.

Ensure all players are given equal court time, as practically possible throughout the regular season.

Ensure that violent or aggressive play, abuse and/or harassment of players is not accepted or permitted.

Ensure players and spectators respect the decisions of the officials and that abuse and harassment of officials is <u>not</u> tolerated.

Respect the decisions of officials and do not show obvious dissent. Be courteous towards officials and if you have any questions approach them at an appropriate time and manner.

Know your rules and competition by-laws without this knowledge, you cannot effectively coach your team.

Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.

Follow advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation, as per the Child Safe Information booklet. For more information about this please contact Basketball SA Child Safety Officer.

Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and principles for growth and development of children.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

