

**BROADMEADOWS BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION INC. (A462)**

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HUME CITY BRONCOS**



BY-LAWS (JANUARY 2001)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These By-laws shall be the By-laws of the Broadmeadows Basketball Association Incorporated hereinafter referred to as "the Association" and all previous By-laws are hereby revoked.
- 1.2 The Board of Management of the Association hereinafter referred to as "the Board" shall be the body responsible for the implementation of these By-laws.
- 1.3 The Board may delegate the administration of these By-laws to such committees as it deems fit.
- 1.4 The rules of the games conducted within the various competitions organised by the Association shall be the rules of F.I.B.A, as adopted from time to time by the national and state controlling bodies except where expressly provided for in these By-laws.
- 1.5 The Board may prescribe and amend any fees, charges and fines at any time it deems fit.
- 1.6 The Board may amend anything in these By-laws at any time it deems fit.
- 1.7 When any such amendments to the By-laws are made in accordance with paragraph 1.6 the Board shall cause all teams/clubs who may be affected by such changes to be notified in writing of the amendments as soon as practicable and for a notice of the changes to be posted at the stadium.

2.0 APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Any person who wishes to enter a team or teams in competitions conducted by the Association shall make application to the Association on the prescribed form.
- 2.2 The application shall include, interalia,
 - (a) the name, address and telephone number (both business and after hours) of the applicant;
 - (b) the name and telephone number of an alternative contact;
 - (c) the name of the team(s);
 - (d) the specific competition(s) applied for; and
 - (e) such further information as may be required by the Association
- 2.3 The applicant shall satisfy the Association that the team(s) can and will be regularly fielded as per competition fixturing and shall undertake, on behalf of the team(s), to comply with the relevant Basketball Victoria codes of conduct and the provisions of these By-laws.
- 2.4 The applicant shall pay the prescribed entry fee prior to being accepted into the competitions.
- 2.5 In considering the application, the Association shall take into account the history of conduct of the applicant, the team(s) and any person associated with the team(s). The Association may impose a "Good Conduct " bond as a condition of entry in situations where there are doubts based on past performance.
- 2.6 Where monies are owed to the Association by the applicant or persons represented by the applicant, the application shall not be considered until all monies are paid in full.
- 2.7 Where an application is not accepted the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of any prescribed entry fee paid for the team(s) not accepted into competition.

- 2.8 Any team that withdraws from competition after circulation of the final fixture shall not be entitled to any refund of entry fees.
- 2.9 Applications for entry to the competitions shall be considered in the order in which the prescribed entry fees are paid.
- 2.10 Any team accepted into a competition after the fourth (4th) round shall be liable to pay only a pro-rata entry fee calculated from round one (1).
- 2.11 An applicant shall pay a fee not exceeding one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the prescribed entry fee in order to have one (1) or more teams placed on a waiting list where the desired competition has a full quota of teams.
- 2.12 An applicant who has paid the fee to be placed on a waiting list shall be given priority for entry into competition when a vacancy occurs.
- 2.13 Applicants on waiting lists shall be considered in the order they were placed on the waiting list.
- 2.14 Where no vacancy occurs the waiting list fee shall be refunded to the applicant at the time when applications for the following season are called for or upon demand by the applicant at any reasonable time.
- 2.15 Where no vacancies have occurred during the season the applicants listed on official waiting lists shall be given priority over other new applicants for entry into competition the following season.
- 2.16 Any team which has been expelled or disqualified from a competition shall not be entitled to any refund.
- 2.17 Teams admitted to competition after the season's commencement shall be awarded 'loss' points for each round prior to their first game.
- 2.18 The Association reserves the right to re-grade teams at any time during the season.
- 2.19 The Association reserves the right to vary the conditions of entry on consideration of an applicant's case. However, penalties may apply and the applicant will be notified at the time this decision is made.

3.0 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 A player can only be registered with one club per competition, and must register with the team with which they play.
- 3.2 For the purposes of this By-law, the Association's competitions are designated as Juniors and Seniors. Each Seniors session of competition (e.g. Monday, Tuesday) is considered to be a competition in its own right.
- 3.3 Subject to By-law 4.4, a Junior player may apply to the Association for an exemption to By-law 3.1, where special circumstances can be demonstrated. The Board of Management of the Association shall determine each case on its merits having regard to the recommendations of the Competition organiser.
- 3.4 A team registration form must be completed and lodged with the Association before the first game of the competition, All details of registration must be completed before a player is considered as being registered. (By-laws 3.6 and 3.7 will therefore apply)

- 3.5 A player not included on that team registration form must complete all details of registration (full name and address, signature and for junior competition only date of birth) on the back of the scoresheet of the first game in which they play.
- 3.6 In Junior competition only, a player who has never competed in competition organised by the Association must complete a "new player registration" card BEFORE playing their first game, Proof of age must be provided and the said card certified BEFORE issue to the relevant grade secretary.

Certification can be provided by any one of the following:

- An Association Board Member
- Nominated Competition Organiser
- The relevant Junior Grade Secretary
- Stadium Management Staff including Venue Managers

Proof of age must be in the form of an original document: e.g. Birth Certificate, Health Book or other method specifically approved by the Competition Organiser.

- 3.7 Playing unregistered players as referred to in 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6 will cause By-law 16.2 to be invoked.

4.0 PLAYING QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Where a club has more than one team in a grade (e.g "A" grade), as from the fourth (4th) fixtured round players cannot transfer from their chosen team.
- 4.2 No player may play in more than three (3) games in a higher grade, otherwise the player is then tied to that higher grade for the remainder of competition for that season. Where a player decides to change to another grade or age group conditions in By-law 3.0 must be observed and the relevant Grade Secretaries advised.
- 4.3 Where special circumstances exist any player may apply to the Association for an exemption to 4,1 and/or 4.2. The Board shall determine each case on its merits having regard to the recommendations of the Competition organiser.
- 4.4 A player competing in the Association's designated Junior Competition can play more than one game per day, but not in the same age group. Conditions of Registration under By-laws 3.0 must be observed.
- 4.5 To be eligible for junior competitions a player shall be under the relevant competition age on the thirty first (31st) day of December in each year except where expressly provided for in these By-laws.
- 4.6 Mixed competitions are conducted by the Association under special conditions and rules.
- 4.7 Players not registered in accordance with these By-laws or under suspension by a BV Tribunal or a properly constituted Investigation Committee shall be ineligible to participate in the Association's competitions.
- 4.8 It is the responsibility of each player to maintain a level of health and fitness conducive to participation in the different grades of basketball competition. Where the Association has reason for doubt as to the fitness and health of participating persons, the player can be required to present medical evidence which supports his/her continued participation. Where such evidence has been required, players become ineligible until they present satisfactory evidence.

5.0 FINALS SERIES

5.1 The final series will be played at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.

6.0 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Players must sign their own name against their number and under their team heading on the back of the scoresheet on completion of the games in which they participate to qualify for the finals in accordance with 6.2. Unclear signatures will not be given finals credits. Misuse of this bylaw through fraudulent means will automatically invoke 16.2; in addition club/teams may be further dealt with by the Board.
- 6.2 Players must play a minimum number of games as nominated on the fixture, to be eligible to play in the finals. Games played by unregistered players and byes do not count towards finals eligibility.
- 6.3 Where special circumstances exist any player may apply to the Association for the conditions of 6.2 to be waived. The relevant Grade Secretary must be notified of these special circumstances in writing at the time of the incident. This must not be left until just before the finals. The Board shall consider each application on its merits and with due regard to the recommendations of the Competition Organiser as necessary.
- 6.4 For walkovers only the players present for the game who have signed the back of the scoresheet will be granted finals eligibility for that game.
- 6.5 Where a walkover has been notified the team receiving the walkover will be granted a credit towards finals eligibility for all the players registered up to the time of the walkover game.
- 6.6 Clubs/teams which have not paid outstanding debts to the Association will be ineligible for finals.
- 6.7 Clubs/teams which have not paid outstanding debts to the Association may not be awarded premiership points at the discretion of the competition organiser.

7.0 CLEARANCES

- 7.1 Clearances will not be required between competitions, as defined in By-law 3.2.
- 7.2 A clearance is required for any player who wishes to transfer between clubs registered in Association Competitions. Single entry teams are regarded as a club for the purpose of this By-law.
- 7.3 A clearance is not required for a player transferring between teams from the same club providing the transfer is in accordance with By-laws 4.1 and 4.2.
- 7.4 Clearance applications must be lodged with the relevant Association official prior to round 7 of the current season.
- 7.5 For Juniors, application for clearances must be endorsed by a parent or guardian of the player before the Association will consider the application.
- 7.6 The applicant is not to play with the new club/team until approval of the clearance is notified by the relevant Association official.

- 7.7 All clearances shall be processed by the clearing club within seven (7) days of the application for clearance being lodged. Only the authorised club official whose signature appears on the registration form will be accepted. The Association must be notified in writing of any change of official to sign clearances.
- 7.8 Where both clubs are agreeable to the clearance and to the players immediate continuing participation in competition, then such a player may participate in competition forthwith with the new club after officially lodging a signed clearance form with the relevant Association official.
- 7.9 Players applying for transfer between Clubs, will on application be cleared automatically unless they are unfinancial with the clearing Club. Unfinancial players who have not played for 12 months in this Association shall be eligible for automatic clearance.
- 7.10 In the case of a disputed clearance the player has a right to lodge a written appeal to the Secretary of the Association stating the grounds of appeal.
- 7.11 If a player is cleared to another club/team, the player must qualify for the finals in accordance with Bylaw 6.2.
- 7.12 Playing an uncleared player invokes 16.2.

8.0 UNIFORM RULES

Preamble

The Association accepts that the primary purpose of conducting domestic competition is to provide opportunity for participation in the sports. However it is important that players and teams meet certain minimum standards of dress and presentation.

Against this background, therefore, the Association strongly encourages that games proceed - without unreasonable penalties being applied for incorrect uniform. Hence, while it is necessary that players wear playing tops that are uniformly coloured and numbered and distinguishable from that of their opposition (where clashes occur or insufficient tops of the same colour are available, the Association's bibs must be used), a maximum penalty of 10 points per team will be awarded for incorrect shorts.

As a general rule, the Association supports the outcome of games being determined by on-court performance.

- 8.1 Players must have an acceptable basketball uniform. For this purpose the basketball team uniform shall consist of a uniformly coloured singlet or T-shirt bearing a contrasting number on the front and back, and uniformly coloured shorts.

Taped, pencilled, texta coloured and unnumbered tops do not comply with this By-law. Players must have uniformly coloured tops and legal number to take the court (see Preamble).

A team whose player(s) are wearing incorrect shorts, relative to the team registration form details, will be penalised a maximum total of ten (10) points per game in which this infringement occurs as from the commencement of round four (4) of competition.

PENALTY POINTS MUST BE CLAIMED AT THE TIME THE OFFENDING PLAYER(S) TAKE THE COURT, THE OFFENDING PLAYER(S) MAY WITHDRAW FROM PLAYING WITHOUT THE PENALTY BEING APPLIED TO THE TEAM,

- 8.2 For guidance on shorts, black and navy blue are acceptable as black, blue for the purpose of this By-law is blue.

Allowances are to be made for the fading and dye aging of shorts, as should minor piping or labeling, Track suit pants do not comply with this By-law and will attract the uniform penalty unless medical evidence is produced or religious reasons require the wearing of such apparel.

Shorts with pockets are not to be worn as they represent an injury risk to fingers or hands that may become entangled in the open pocket,

- 8.3 Shorts, sports skirts, sports briefs and bike shorts are all acceptable attire for the purpose of this By-law providing that they meet the colour criteria. A mixture of these styles is acceptable within a team and will not attract the uniform penalty,

- 8.4 It is the responsibility of the adult teams wearing uniforms whose colours clash to make appropriate arrangements to avoid this situation prior to the commencement of the game, Bibs are available from the Stadium Manager or the Venue Manager.

- 8.5 The Association's Representative singlets are not to be worn in domestic competition.

- 8.6 Bibs, after and including round four (4) for purposes other than colour clashes are available for use. These bibs are available from the Venue Manager

9.0 SCORESHEETS

- 9.1 Both teams are responsible for completing the match details on the scoresheet in complete detail. Numbers and names of players must be printed. Only ten (10) names are allowed on the scoresheet. Illegible names or numbers will not be counted towards qualifying players for the finals.

- 9.2 The match details section of the scoresheet must be clearly and fully completed, Failure to complete grade and date (and for juniors, age group) will result in the loss of one (1) premiership point for both teams involved, whilst failure to complete the team name on the top of the scoresheet will result in the loss of one (1) premiership point for the offending team.

A maximum penalty of one (1) premiership point for breach of By-law 9.2 is allowable per game.

- 9.3 Player's names and numbers may be added to the scoresheet at any stage of the game but must be done before the player takes the court.

- 9.4 Participating players must sign the back of the scoresheet for finals eligibility.

- 9.5 The winning team is responsible for placing the scoresheet in the appropriate box at the Broadmeadows Stadium or handing it to the doorkeeper at the outside venue.

10.0 GAMES REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 A team must have four (4) players on court before the game can commence. A minimum of two (2) players per team required on court for the game to continue.
- 10.2 Late starting teams will be penalised one (1) point per minute or part thereof, It is the team's responsibility to have the paid scoresheet available at the scorebench by the commencement of game time as listed in the competition fixture. Ten (10) minutes late constitutes a walkover.
- 10.3 Only suitable basketball footwear with non-marking soles can be worn on court playing areas.
- 10.4 Players will not be permitted to take the court with fingernails visible above the level of their fingertips, Taped nails are permitted, (tape as approved by Basketball Victoria must be used). Gloves (as approved by Basketball Victoria) may also be used.
- 10.5 No player shall wear any object that is, or is likely to be dangerous, No player shall have any hairstyle or item of apparel or accessory that is or is likely to be dangerous. Jewelry shall not be worn on court, except for flat wedding rings.
- 10.6 In cases of dispute relative to 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5, the Venue Manager's decision shall be final.
- 10.7 Although the clock may be in progress, play will not start until a competent scorer is provided for each game. Teams not represented on the score bench have no avenue for complaint if they are not satisfied with the manner in which the game is either scored or timed.

Where an obvious mistake has been made a scoresheet may be adjusted by the relevant grade secretary with the approval of the competition organiser. Teams involved must be notified.

- 10.8 Where games are cancelled due to extenuating circumstances such as power failures, the complete round will be cancelled if all teams are affected and no points will be awarded. However, if not all the teams in the grade are affected, the affected teams will be awarded two (2) premiership points each and the bye teams will be awarded three (3) points. All players registered at that date will be deemed to have played the game and will be awarded a game credit towards finals eligibility. Any team that is aggrieved may appeal to the relevant Competition organiser.

11.0 TIMING RULES

- 11.1 Unless otherwise provided for, each game shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves.
- 11.2 Unless otherwise advised or notified, two (2) time outs, each of one (1) minute duration will be allowed per team per half.
- 11.3 The clock does not stop in the first half. No time outs are permitted in the last two (2) minutes of the first half. Where a time out is in progress prior to the two minute point, that time out will cease at the two minute point and the players will be called to resume play immediately.
- 11.4 The clock stops in the last three (3) minutes of the second half for time outs, substitutions and foul shots.
- 11.5 All games played to a 50-minute schedule (including preliminary and semi finals) shall be timed as in 11.1 to 11.4 inclusive.
- 11.6 For all games played to a 60-minute schedule (e.g. grand finals) the clock will stop for ALL time outs and COMPULSORY substitutions and for every whistle during the last three (3) minutes of the second half.

- 11.7 The clock may also be stopped and/or time added on at the discretion of the officiating referees but they are required to notify the respective teams of any such arrangements.

12.0 WALKOVERS

- 12.1 For all walkovers the team receiving the walkover will be credited with a win and a score of ten (10) points. The team giving the walkover will not receive any premiership points or score for that game.
- 12.2 A notified walkover is one where the relevant grade secretary has been notified at least seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled game time.
- 12.3 The walkover fine shall be paid prior to the team's next game following receipt of the walkover notification. If this is not adhered to, NO premiership points will be awarded until the fine is paid. Premiership points so lost are NOT redeemable.
- 12.4 A club must pay all the outstanding walkover fines before the related finals commence, otherwise NO TEAM from that club will be eligible to compete in ANY finals playoff.
- 12.5 Where the scoresheet is paid for, a "scratch" match can be played and a walkover fine will not be levied. Loss of points, as per 12.1, will result.

In the event that a "scratch" match is played, a new scoresheet must be completed, in accordance with the provisions of By-law 9, for the match to be played under officiated conditions.

- 12.6 Formula for walkover fines is;

Unnotified walkover – twice the cost of the scoresheet

Notified walkover – twice the cost of the scoresheet less \$15.

- 12.7 Refer to By-laws 6.2 to 6.6 inclusive regarding finals eligibility and walkovers.

13.0 INVESTIGATIONS SUB-COMMITTEES

- 13.1 The Board of Management may convene an Investigation Sub Committee (I.S.C.) as may be required for the purpose of inquiring into any matters brought to its attention.
- 13.2 The I.S.C. shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be a member of the Board and a minimum number of two (2) other persons.
- 13.3 The Chairperson shall have a casting vote where necessary.
- 13.4 The Chairperson shall ensure that a written record of the decisions reached and the reasons for the decisions is kept on each matter dealt with.
- 13.5 The Chairperson shall report the findings of the I.S.C. to the convening body as soon as practicable.
- 13.6 The Secretary of the Association shall ensure that the written decisions of the I.S.C.s are kept in the form of a log.

- 13.7 On inquiring into any matter referred to it an I.S.C. may:
- (a) decide to hear the matters or not hear the matters;
 - (b) on consideration of all relevant information available make appropriate recommendations;
 - (c) in the case of matters requiring or indicating disciplinary action prescribe appropriate penalties. Penalties may include fines, bonds, suspension, loss of premiership points, disqualification from competition and venue bans. Where appropriate penalties will be handed out in accordance to Basketball Victoria Tribunal By-laws;
 - (d) dismiss the matter; and/or
 - (e) refer the matter to some other appropriate body.
- 13.8 The findings of the I.S.C. shall be confirmed in writing to the person(s) under investigation.

14.0 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 14.1 Notwithstanding anything in these By-laws, the Board or a Committee may make special rules for the conduct of specific competitions which shall take precedence over these By-laws provided that:
- (a) the rules shall be construed within the strict limitations of the subject matter dealt with.
 - (b) the rules shall apply strictly within the bounds of that specific competition

In all other cases these By-laws shall prevail.

- 14.2 Where such special rules are made for specific competitions, then each club/team participating shall be provided with a written copy of such special rules prior to that club/team's first game in that specific competition.
- 14.3 A copy of all special rules shall be kept posted at the main venue from where that specific competition is conducted.

15.0 GENERAL

- 15.1 Hanging from Nets, Rings, Backboards or other supporting structures in any B.B.A. controlled venue is prohibited and can result in ejection from the venue. If any damage is caused to venue equipment, the person who caused that damage or, in the event that an offender cannot be identified, the Club/team responsible for court usage will be invoiced for the cost of repair and/or replacement and any loss of revenue suffered through the unavailability of the court or venue.
- 15.2 Clubs/teams are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their players, coaches, officials and spectators and should particularly ensure that such persons are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs when attempting entry to stadiums managed by the Association. The relevant Club Secretary or Team Secretary will be held accountable for breach of this By-law.
- 15.3 Consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the stadiums, venues or car parks with the exception of areas expressly designated and licensed for that purpose.
- Infringement of this By-law can result in the expulsion of the player(s) and/or club/team(s) concerned from the Association.
- 15.4 Smoking is not permitted in playing and spectator areas of all venues.

- 15.5 A person who is aggrieved by any decision taken by a Committee of the Association may appeal in writing to the Board within fourteen days of notification of that decision. The appeal shall include the grounds of appeal but the decision of the Committee will stand until the appeal is heard and the result notified.
- 15.6 All protests, complaints or other communications must be in writing and addressed to THE SECRETARY, BROADMEADOWS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC, and may be mailed to the postal address of the Association at P.O. BOX 215 GLENROY 3046, or left at the Stadium.
- 15.7 Notwithstanding anything expressly provided for in these By-laws the Board may determine any matter where unusual or exceptional circumstances exist as it deems fit.

16.0 PENALTIES

Where no penalty is expressly provided for in these By-laws, this general penalty clause shall prevail.

- 16.1 The penalty for player infringement shall be forfeiture by the team for all games the infringing player competes in.
- 16.2 The penalty for team infringement shall be forfeiture of all games the infringing team competes in.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA - CODES OF CONDUCT

These codes of conduct are intended as guidelines appropriate for all participants in the sport of basketball. These codes are guides within which each participating group should endeavour to operate to improve the basketball experience specifically for juniors, but also for all participants in general.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in basketball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they be by your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA - CODES OF CONDUCT (Continued)

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need, and deserve, equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.
- Be aware of the role of the coach as an educator. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
- Seek to keep abreast of changes in the sport; ensure that the information used is up to date, appropriate to the needs of players and takes account of the principles of growth and development of children.

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember children play sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators. They are not miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the referee's decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to query the decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Be positive.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents, without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA - CODES OF CONDUCT (Continued)

REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Interpret rules and regulations to match the skill level and the needs of participants.
- Compliment both teams on their efforts.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsportsmanlike, and promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the court your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Help the education process in the game. Referees can help players learn to play the game well by ensuring rule infractions are understood, and by encouraging fair play.

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Involve children in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Equipment and facilities must be safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating children.
- Rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules should take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skills.
- Remember that as children play for enjoyment, downplay the importance of awards.
- Avoid allowing basketball programs to become primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participants rather than the enjoyment of the spectators.
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skills.
- Distribute codes of conduct brochures to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players.