ACADEMY BASKETBALL Code of Conduct

INTRODUCTION

This code is designed

- ?? To return the element of enjoyment and satisfaction to Junior Basketball.
- ?? To make adults aware that young people play to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or member of their own peer group.
- ?? To improve the physical fitness of youth by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people.
- ?? To constantly remind Administrators, Coaches, Referees, Parents, that Basketball must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those young people who wish to play the game. It is their game!

ADMINISTRATOR'S CODE

1. Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in Basketball are made available to all irrespective of ability.
2. Do not allow the game to become primarily spectator entertainment.
3. Equipment and facilities must be appropriate to the maturity level of the young players.
4. Rules and length of schedules should take into consideration the age and maturity level of the young players.
5. Remember that play is done for its own sake. Play down the importance of awards.
6. Distribute the code of ethics to spectators, coaches, players, referees, parents and teachers.
7. Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, doctors and participants understand their authority and their responsibility for fair play in Basketball.
8. Offer clinics to improve the standards of coaching and refereeing with emphasis on good sportsmanship and the development of good technical skills.
9. Ensure adequate supervision is maintained at all games.
10. Behave in a manner to set an example for all participants.

MANAGER'S CODE

1. Encourage parents to take an active interest in the Team.
2. Encourage parents and supporters to talk to opposite spectators.
3. Encourage supporters to praise good play by both teams.
4. Discourage supporters form excessive barracking.
5. Provide administrative assistance to the Coach.
6. Be fully informed of Basketball requirements and matters affecting your team.
7. Look after injured players
8. Ensure that players are aware of representative trials and if selected, they are fully aware of their commitments and that they know of their selection.
9. Check eligibility of players for your team.
10. Registration of players.
11. Make sure players, parents and officials are informed of all functions, social and otherwise.
12. Attend coaching and other meetings where coach is unable to attend.
13. Insist on an appropriate standard of team behaviour both on and off the pitch.
14. Set an example in terms of behaviour.

COACH'S CODE

1. You have responsibility for your team and its supporters. EXERCISE IT.
2. Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests and demands on their time.
3. Teach your players that laws of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
4. Ensure that all players get a game. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time.
5. Remember that young people play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the players for making mistakes or losing a game.
6. The scheduling and length of practice times and games should take into consideration the maturity level of the players.
7. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.
8. Follow the advice of a doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
9. Remember that young people need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
10. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of young people.
11. Encourage young people to develop basic skills and avoid over-specialisation in positional play during their formative years.
12. Create opportunities to teach sportsmanship, just as you would in teaching the basic skills.
13. Ensure that efforts for both skill improvement and good sportsmanship are rewarded by praise.
14. Remember that players are also students so be reasonable in your demands on their energy and enthusiasm.
15. Ensure that skill learning and free play activities have priority over highly structured competitions for very young people.
16. INSIST ON FAIR PLAY, do not tolerate foul play, fighting, or foul language. Be prepared to take of an offending player.
17. INSIST on a disciplined approach by players and mean what you say.
18. Set a good example by personal good behaviour.

PLAYER'S CODE

1 Play for the 'enjoyment', not just to please your parents or coach.
2 Play the laws of the game of Basketball
3 Never argue with the referee's decisions. Let your captain or coach ask any necessary questions.
4 Control your temper – no 'mouthing off'.
5 Work equally hard for yourself and you team – you team's performance will benefit and so will your own,
6 Be a good sport. Applaud all good play, whether by your team or by your opponent.
7 Treat all players, as you yourself would like to be treated. Don't interfere with. Bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
8 Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Don't be a show-off or always try to get the most points.
9 Co-operate with your coach, team mates, referee and opponents, for without them you don't have a game.

REFEREE'S CODE

1 Ensure that "over-refereeing" the game does not lose the 'spirit of the game' for young people.
2 Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
3 Compliment both teams on their good play whenever such praise is deserved.
4 Be consistent, objective and courteous.
5 Condemn the deliberate 'good foul' as being unsportsman-like, thus retaining respect for fair play.
6 Publicly encourage law changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
7 Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound refereeing principles and the principles of growth and development of young people.

PARENT'S CODE

1 Do not force an unwilling youngster to participate in Basketball.
2 Remember, young people are involved in Basketball for their enjoyment, not yours.
3 Encourage your child to always play by the laws.
4 Teach young people that honest effort is as important as victory so the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5 Turn defeat into victory by helping young people work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6 Remember that young people learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7 Do not publicly question the referee's judgment and never his/her honesty.
8 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from Junior Basketball.
9 Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.

SPECTATOR'S CODE

1 Remember that young people play organised sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you and they are not miniature Boomers.
2 Be on your best behaviour. Don't use profane language, or harass players, coaches or referees.
3 Applaud good play by your own team and the visiting team.
4 Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.
5 Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during the game.
6 Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
7 Respect the referee's decisions.
8 Encourage players to play according to the laws.
9 SLEDGING: THIS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED in any shape or form. Players and Referees are NOT fair game.
10 Remember the Academy Basketball Inc's. Management Committee has the power to site Players, Coaches, and/or Spectators for behaviour that may bring the game of Basketball into disrepute.