



CODE OF CONDUCT – BASKETBALL

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand and play by the rules of the game – this includes both the game and your club rules. It is your responsibility to know the rules.
- Respect the referees and all other officials – NEVER argue with a referee! Abuse of referees will result in consequences for both yourself and possibly your team.
- Control your temper – verbal abuse is a serious offence in basketball. Verbally abusing a referee or provoking an opponent is unnecessary. This has an adverse effect on your concentration and effectiveness on the court.
- Never hit, punch, shove, trip, or scratch anyone. Any physical altercations will have serious consequences.
- Work hard for yourself and your team – You owe it to yourself and your team to train and play to the best of your abilities.
- Be a good sport! Shake hands with your opponents (players and coaches) at the end of each game. Also shake hands and thank the referees.
- Treat all players as you wish to be treated – NEVER bully, interfere, or take unfair advantage of another player. Do not abuse or ridicule anyone when mistakes are made. Remember, you make mistakes too!
- Play for enjoyment – basketball is meant to be fun!
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player. Regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, religion, or other irrelevant factors everyone is entitled to equal treatment and respect.
- Be prepared to lose – every team loses at some point. Take losses as a learning opportunity. What can you do to improve?
- Always respect the equipment and facilities – these cost clubs and associations a lot of money! Do not slam dunk or swing off rings.
- Always abide by the Power Basketball / Laurimar Sporting Club Code of Conduct.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS / SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage children to play for the own enjoyment. Resist the temptation to force children to play when they no longer want to. Basketball should be as much about mental health as it is physical health.

- Encourage children to always play by the rules – if you see your child breaking the rules, please have a chat with them and guide their behaviour.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as a victory – while losing is disappointing we want all players to realise its ok and use it as a learning opportunity.
- Focus on developing skills rather than an emphasis on winning.
- Children learn from example – please applaud good play by all teams. If we acknowledge good play by opponents our children will follow our lead. This will create a more positive sporting experience.
- Do not criticise your own child, or others at a game. Sport is meant to be a positive experience.
- Accept all referee decisions – referees work to the best of their ability and on occasion will make a mistake, this is ok! Never argue with a referee, referee supervisor or DVBA official. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated.
- Respect that your child's coach is a volunteer and doing their best. Abuse of any kind towards a coach will not be tolerated. If you have a problem, please raise it in private. You can always go to the Operations Manager.
- Lead by example – never criticise opposing team with words or gestures. Take losses with dignity and applaud the winners. Do not be one of the 'ugly' parents regularly seen at sport.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sport – if you see something going on report it to the Referee Supervisor or the Power Operations Manager.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player. Regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, religion, or other irrelevant factors everyone is entitled to equal treatment and respect.
- Show appreciation for coaches, referees, officials, and administrators. Without these people there would be no basketball!
- Please always keep children in your care with you. Do not let them walk around or between courts while games are in play.
- Please respect the facilities and equipment. Not only is the equipment expensive to replace, we also do not want anyone to be injured.

By registering our child with Power Basketball Club, we agree to abide by these principles.

We support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents, and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of this Code of Conduct.

Any player, parent or guardian who is reported by a DVBA official will also have to explain their actions to the Executive Committee of Laurimar Sporting Club and possibly face further actions. If a player, parent, or guardian is reported by DVBA and needs to attend the tribunal, the Operations Manager and a member of the Executive Committee will also attend.