



## TATURA AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Tatura Amateur Basketball Association has developed the following code of conduct, to assist everyone in obtaining the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. It is essential that ALL people with ANY involvement with this association familiarise themselves with the following policies and ensure that they are upheld.

### PARENTS AND SPECTATORS CODE

1. Remain in the spectator area during matches. Ensure that you do not enter the court area during playtime.
2. Respect your child's coach and their abilities. Arrange an appropriate time to discuss any concerns respectfully.
3. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
4. Do not make derogatory comments to any person or player.
5. Do not drink alcohol at matches or come to a match having drunk too much.
6. Do not smoke at matches.
7. Cheer for your child's team. Show good sportsmanship by applauding other teams efforts.
8. Show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not winning.
9. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements in a respectful and appropriate manner.
10. Look for opportunities to help and offer your assistance to coaches or officials.
11. Be in control of your emotions at all times during a match.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
13. Respect the roles that officials play and the need for "rules" to ensure a safe and fair environment for all. Follow procedure to formalise any complaint you may have.
14. Ensure children in your care are under control at all times.
15. **ALWAYS** respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **OFFICIALS CODE**

### **(Referees and Scorers)**

- 1.** Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people and to make participation more fun.
- 2.** Use positive re-enforcement with ALL participants by encouraging and complimenting good sportsmanship and play.
- 3.** Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- 4.** Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- 5.** Do not allow your personal feelings to influence your decision making. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 6.** Place the welfare and safety of the participants above all else.
- 7.** Familiarise yourself with your role and with relevant sport safety policies and practices.
- 8.** Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- 9. ALWAYS** respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## **ADMINISTRATORS CODE**

### **(Committee and Co-Ordinators)**

1. Ensure that the program, rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
2. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players and ensure volunteers are adequately trained.
3. Advise coaches and officials to demonstrate appropriate behaviour. Provide skill development where necessary and/or possible.
4. Display code of conduct sheets on a prominent notice board and where possible, provide a copy to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players.
5. Set a good example by being a role model with your behaviour. Provide positive comments and be supportive.
6. Do not allow your personal feelings to influence any part you may play in decision making. Be objective for the organisation and junior sport.
7. Maximise child safety by conducting volunteer screening and other child protection strategies.
8. Ensure that everyone emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
9. Provide an avenue for complaint that is fair, non-judgmental and accessible.
10. Adopt and implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.
11. Be polite and courteous when dealing with others.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
13. Familiarise yourself with your role and with relevant sport safety policies and practices.
14. Co-ordinators to ensure that non-players use the side boards only before games and at half time and in a safe manner, except for finals when the courts will be solely for playing teams.
15. Co-ordinators to ensure players, officials and coaches are on the court only during play time.
16. Co-ordinators to ensure that the failure of a team to supply a scorer will result in one point being awarded to the opposing team for every minute until a scorer is provided. After 15 minutes if a scorer is still not provided, that team must forfeit.
17. **ALWAYS** respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## PLAYERS CODE

1. Play by the rules
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit – so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, or the other team.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Never use derogatory language.
7. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Be prepared to lose sometimes.
9. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
10. Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
11. Ensure that you wear the appropriate uniform that is required of your team. Failure to meet requirements could result in one warning only or no play. This will be at the discretion of the umpires.
12. T.Shirts worn under a singlet MUST be of the same colour.
13. **ALWAYS** respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

## COACHES CODE

1. Remember basketball is for enjoyment.
2. Be reasonable in your demands upon players.
3. Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break.
4. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
5. Remember children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a game.
6. Develop team respect for **ALL** teams **AND** their coaches.
7. Instil in your players respect for officials and an acceptance for their judgement.
8. Be prepared to lose sometimes. Teach your players to accept this also and to never place the blame of a loss upon another player/s.
9. Act responsibly when players are ill or injured.
10. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
11. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principals and the principles of growth and development of children.
12. Ensure that physical contact with **ANY** of your players is appropriate.
13. **AVOID** inappropriate personal relationships with **ANY** of your players.
14. Respect **ALL** the rights, dignity and worth of **EVERY** person.
15. Coaches are appointed at the discretion of the committee.
16. Never sledge players or coaches of any team.
17. The minimum age for a coach is 14, assistant coach 13 and will be at the discretion of the committee.
18. Coaches and Assistant coaches are to be designated at the beginning of the season.
19. **ALWAYS** respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.