



**INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA (IBA)**  
**CODES OF CONDUCT & ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

## **Codes of Behaviour**

### ***General Code of Behaviour:***

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
4. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
5. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, IBA's standards, rules, regulations and policies.
6. Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines which govern IBA, the member associations and the affiliated clubs.
7. Do not use your involvement with IBA, to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IBA, a member association or an affiliated club.
8. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
10. Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
11. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the sport of basketball or IBA into disrepute.
12. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the basketball activities.
13. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
14. Be a positive role model.
15. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.
16. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

***Coaches Code of Behaviour:***

1. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
9. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
11. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person.
13. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.
14. Commit to developing not only players basketball skills but also developing players life skills which positively shape their character.

***Players Code of Behaviour:***

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

***Officials Code of Behaviour:***

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
9. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
10. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
11. Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
12. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

***Parent/Guardian Code of Behaviour:***

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

### ***Spectator Code of Behaviour:***

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team.
3. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game outcome.
4. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
5. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
6. Condemn the use of violence in any form be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials decisions.
8. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches, or officials.
9. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

### **Game Conduct:**

- *Players, coaches and team representatives are prohibited from engaging in improper conduct toward game officials, opposing teams or spectators.*
- *Any player who engages in fighting and/or commits an unsportsmanlike act will be subject to suspension from future games.*
- *Players are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while sitting on the bench during games. Players are not permitted to sit or lie on the floor at any time.*
- *Team personnel, with the exception of the Head Coach and team captain are not permitted to engage in conversation with a game official.*
- *A player, coach or Assistant Coach, upon being notified by a game official that he/she has been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately.*

### **Zero Tolerance Policy:**

To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all players, officials and spectators, IBA have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour. The Policy will ensure that there will be a zero-tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from spectators.

Any spectator who feels the necessity to:

- *Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees*
- *Berate or abuse game officials i.e., referees and score table personnel*
- *Berate or abuse team officials*
- *Berate or abuse players*
- *Berate or abuse other spectators*
- *Berate or abuse any game day official such as the RC, Referee, or IBA Official*

**Will be escorted from the venue immediately by the RC, IBA officials or security.**

No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to behaviour being monitored by the RC and IBA, if the referees have an issue with a spectator, they may stop the game and get the RC and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the RC remove the person(s) involved.

If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be watched they may stop the game and ask the RC to watch. Any breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be reported.