

# Coaches Requirements & Responsibilities

Tamworth Basketball has a real appreciation of the benefit you bring to our association and to all the children you come into contact with whilst coaching. We thank you.

Tamworth Basketball Association's Board of Management respectfully reminds all coaches of the need to retain a degree of professional separation in your dealings with the children you are coaching and/or interacting with whilst being involved in the representative program.

## **Coaches should:**

- Be a good role model for the participants
- Show enthusiasm and enjoyment for the task of coaching – make it fun
- Be self-confident, assertive, consistent, friendly, fair, and competent
- Ensure the safety of all participants
- Behave ethically and dress appropriately
- Maintain discipline throughout the session
- Be very organized, not only for each session but for the entire season
- Be able to justify, if necessary.
- Be able to ask for help if needed
- Treat everyone fairly and include all participants of all abilities and disabilities, ages, genders, and ethnic backgrounds.

Much of the advice is common sense. Nevertheless, for the record:

- Any physical contact between yourself and children should be limited to that essentially required to the imparting of a specific skill -and always delivered within the main playing or coaching area.
- Whenever possible, you should explain to the parents of the children that, inherent with coaching basketball skills, (playing or officiating) there may be the need from time to time to make adjustments of posture or position of limbs and if parents have a problem with you doing that, they should advise you immediately and you will accommodate their request.
- All discussions or briefings with your charges will be conducted in the public arena and not in a secluded or private area unless the child is accompanied by their parent.
- You are to limit the occasions when you contact children outside the immediate requirements of your coaching brief. Transport arrangements that result in you and a child being the sole occupants of a vehicle are to be at all times avoided.
- Likewise, at post activity functions you should be mindful of your role as an adult coach and not put yourself in a situation where you are the sole adult with a child or children.
- Correspondence must be directed to the parent/guardian via the team manager.
- Social networking sites and communication through them is to be avoided at all costs. If you have a personal site, you should not allow minors to access your site. Be very mindful of what images and content appear on your site and you should not seek to contact your charges via their social networking sites.

In summary do not put yourself in a position where your integrity and good intentions could be misconstrued.

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

**Coaches need to supply Tamworth Basketball with a Working with Children Check Number.  
If you don't already have one can you go to below link and apply for one.**

<https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

# COACHES OF REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- You will abide by the policy and procedures of Tamworth Basketball Association and Basketball NSW sports guidelines.
- Your actions reflect on others, remember to be the Role Model for Basketball.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- 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 the 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 consider the maturity level of players.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Be aware of the role of the coach as an educator. As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviors.
- 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 develop children.
- Direct, hostile, or negative comments to any coach, player or official is unacceptable.
- Remember your Duty of Care.

**Agreement Form to be completed** » [Rep Coach Form \(tamworthbasketball.com.au\)](http://tamworthbasketball.com.au)