

Tamworth Basketball Association

AGENCY POLICY: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

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SPECTATORS

- ✓ Spectators will abide by BNSW's Parent/Spectator Zero Tolerance Policy and guidelines on Sports Rage.
- ✓ Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- ✓ Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- ✓ Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ✓ Encourage children to always play by the rules.
- ✓ Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- ✓ Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ✓ A child learns best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- ✓ Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly
- ✓ Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture
- ✓ Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance
- ✓ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- ✓ Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment
- ✓ I will applaud good performances from each team and congratulate all players regardless of the outcome. I will respect the referee's decision and if there is disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to address the concerns.
- ✓ I will remember children play sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators and are not miniature professionals. I will be positive and will never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.
- ✓ I will condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- ✓ I will show respect for the opponents as without them there would be no game.
- ✓ I will encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- ✓ I will demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul threatening or abusive language or behaviour or, harassing players, coaches, officials or spectators.
- ✓ I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, religion cultural background or impairment.
- ✓ I will not take part of any harassment, bullying or defamation posted on Social Networking Websites of TBA or any persons relating to Basketball.
- ✓ I realise that there are consequences for breaches of these Codes of Conduct, some of which are severe.

Note: A breach of this code could result in up to a 12 month ban on attending events conducted by Basketball NSW and Tamworth Basketball Association.

