

SEABL Code of Conduct

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Chapter 1 – SEABL Code of Conduct

1.1 Coaches

The following codes of behaviour/conduct have been developed for the coaches of SEABL, providing them with participation expectations.

- . Remember that players participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of their motivation.
- . Ensure that activities are carefully planned, well-structured and varied to provide many opportunities for individual and team development.
- . Never ridicule your players for making a mistake. Errors and/or a loss can be an opportunity to learn, yet in a constructive way. Comments to your players and staff should be made in a positive way and intended to create interest, involvement and improvement.
- . Be reasonable in your demands. Adults are capable of making their own decisions on priority between basketball and other interests (family, work commitments and social engagements). Also try to assist Young adults in achieving a good balance between their various demands (work, school etc) on them. Respect those decisions
- . Teach your players that understanding and playing by the rules is their own responsibility and that the rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all involved.
- . Develop respect for all participants in the game.
- . Respect all technical officials and an acceptance of their judgement.
- . Guide players in the interaction with the media, parents and spectators.
- . Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the ability of the players.
- . Be prepared to lose sometimes, and be a fair winner.
- . Act responsibly and in a courteous manner when players are injured or ill.
- . As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.
- . Ensure that information used is up to date, appropriate to the needs of players.
- . Any physical contact with a player should always be made in an appropriate manner.
- . Avoid personal relationships with players, as they can often be perceived as inappropriate.
- . Regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect.
- . Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- . *Coaches have a great responsibility with the League as the architects of play, and as mature and responsible participants and representatives of the League.*

Coaches are expected to demonstrate the following values;-

- . A high standard of honesty and integrity, providing a model of fair play and sportsmanship.
- . Observe the letter and intent of the rules of the sport and insists that players and teams under their direction do the same.
- . Respect and consideration for the League, opponents and referees.
- . Honouring a professional relationship with players, colleagues, official media and the public, avoiding conflict of interest and exploitation of those relationships.
- . Positive interaction with the public, and representatives of the media.
- . Whilst representing the team Coaches should always be attired in a professional manner, (i.e. Neat Casual attire, no denim jeans, tracksuits).

Before a game Coaches are expected to:

- . Comply with Home Teams pre game presentation requirements/procedures.
- . Stand and show respect during the playing of the National Anthem.

During the game Coaches should:

- . Take responsibility for the conduct of their team and assistants.
- . At all times use a courteous, reasonable manner when dealing with all technical officials.
- . Refrain from frivolously disputing or questioning decisions.
- . Refrain from gesturing with facial expressions, rude gestures, mimicking, or indecent body language.
- . Refrain from swearing, using foul language or derogatory remarks, although it is realised that expletives will occur in the heat of the moment.
- . Remain within their designated team bench area.
- . Expect to be warned and/or penalised with a technical foul for violation of the above.

After the game:

- . Coaches must attend the After Game Function unless prior notice to club (24hrs approx.).

At all times Coaches are to refrain from

- . Publicly criticising the SEABL and its Officials.
- . Any other actions that may bring the league into disrepute.

1.2 Court Announcer

Announcers should provide information and create or encourage an atmosphere of enthusiasm and enjoyment for the game at hand. There should be no criticism emanating from the microphone. Further all commentary should be made from an unbiased view. Remember that the opposition or visiting team members are the guests of the home team and should always be treated as such; this is one of the cornerstones of the League's formation.

All spectators and participants see the announcer as being representative of the host body and therefore great care should be taken to ensure that a first class performance creates a good image that will have the spectators wanting to come back again. It is very easy for an announcer to spoil the show by criticising the referees or players even by the tone of his or her voice.

The announcer has a very important role to play in the presentation of our League. An interested and informed audience should be the aim. The announcer should be courtside commentating and most definitely not participating in any way in the outcome of the game.

Objectives

- . To introduce teams/players to the spectators.
- . To play National Anthem prior to each game.
- . To provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to spectators.
- . To promote sponsors at appropriate times.
- . To recognise official guests to the audience.
- . To provide a limited commentary on the game (as detailed below).

Guidelines

- . The court announcer is an official of the game and as such visiting teams should be treated in an equal way. Neutrality extends to how something is said, not necessarily what is said. It is reasonable for the announcer to use more enthusiasm in his tone in relaying positive information about the home team in comparison to similar information on the visiting team.
- . There should be no commentary while a team (either team) has possession of the ball in play in their offensive half (front court), nor after a player has had the ball placed at their disposal while shooting free throws.
- . Comments that take longer to make, during the course of play, than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court is too long!
- . In game commentary should be limited to providing the following information at appropriate times.

- . Scoring – who scored. Three pointer, accumulative individual total. An occasional mention of assists may be appropriate.
- . Foul – who fouled. Number of fouls – individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required).
- . **Note:** The referees call should not be pre-empted in anyway. The announcer must wait for the referees decision and signal – don't guess. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.
- . Violation – Name the violation not the player violating.
- . Time Out – which team called it and how many they have had.
- . Rebounds, Blocks and Steals can be mentioned if required and appropriate but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
- . Time Remaining – At no time should there be any comment from the court announcer relative to the amount of time remaining on the game clock or in specific the shot clock.
- . Music and/or sound effects may be played while the ball is in play provided they are not distracting to the teams or referees. Music and/or sound effects may not be made while any player is attempting a free throw.
- . The Court Announcer is not a cheerleader, barracker, noise generator or game critique. The principle duties are to pass information to the crowd not incite it. Modifiers that imply critical analysis should be avoided (e.g. nice try, great block, super shot etc.) as an editorial negative, is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre-taped comments played on the PA System).
- . An appeal to the crowd for the noise/support is not allowed. Home teams must generate their crowd support and noise through methods other than the court announcer (e.g. team mascots etc.).
- . The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game referees and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the public. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between referees and the score table, or between the referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation.
- . The court announcer should be able to clarify these circumstances with the public after it is resolved. This is an important function.
- . The Court Announcer has the duty of the pre-game introduction of teams and individual players from each side onto the floor, playing the National Anthem. The timing and program of these introductions may vary from venue to venue.
- . Recognition of League sponsors and guests are a part of the court announcers' duties. These announcements should be limited to pre-game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The court announcer will be obligated to acknowledge all SEABL Sponsors (if any) and the ABA Sponsors a minimum of three times per game.
- . Other Game Results.
- . It would be informative and of interest to all spectators, that results from previous games on the current weekend be announced over the PA system at appropriate times during 1st game (e.g. half time). Results of Friday's games can be announced at

Saturday games. Results of Friday and Saturday games can be announced at Sunday games.

1.3 Players

The Players through their playing ability and personality are the stars of the League and principally determine the Leagues supporter and revenue base. Their conduct on and off the court is of paramount importance to their team and the League as a whole, and should be a model for others to follow.

Players are expected to demonstrate the following values:

- . Competition in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
- . Respect and consideration for the League, opponents and referees.
- . Loyalty to their team, coach and management.
- . Willingness to participate in media and promotional activities.
- . Whilst representing the team Players should always be attired in a professional manner, (ie. Team or walk out uniform)

Prior to a game players are expected to:

- . Comply with Home Teams pre game presentation requirements/procedures.
- . Stand and show respect during the playing of the National Anthem.

During a game players should:

- . Allow themselves to be represented by the coach and/or court captains on issues with referees.
- . Refrain from otherwise disputing or frivolously questioning decisions.
- . Refrain from gesturing with facial expressions, rude gestures, mimicking, or indecent body language.
- . Refrain from swearing, using foul language or derogatory remarks.
- . Refrain from "baiting or intimidating other players.
- . At all times use a courteous, reasonable manner when dealing with referees or score table Officials.
- . Expect to be penalised with a technical foul for violation of the above principles.

After the game:

- . Players must attend the After Match Function unless prior notice is given at least 24 hours.

At all times Players are to refrain from:

- . Publicly criticising the SEABL and its Officials.
- . Any other actions that may bring the league into disrepute.

The following codes of behaviour/conduct have been developed for the players of SEABL, providing them with participation expectations.

- . Understand and play by the Rules.
- . Respect referees and other officials and supporters.
- . Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are also not acceptable or permitted in the SEABL.
- . Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- . Be a good sport. Applaud and acknowledge all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- . Treat all participants, as you would like to be treated yourself. Do not take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- . Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- . Regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect.
- . Be prepared to lose sometimes, and be a fair winner.
- . As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.

1.4 Tech Officials

Referees

The referees are a vital and integral part of the game and it is important that they be involved in all that is happening in the League. This is a two-way affair and not just a task for the referees.

Host officials should ensure that the referees are invited to the after game function and the referees should make the effort to attend. Communication between all game participants can be most beneficial to all concerned.

Just as the players strive to perform to their best and beyond, so too should the referees, their performance should demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, integrity and maturity under the pressure of the game and be neutral at all times. During the game the referees should not become involved with the spectators over any interpretations. Where and if a problem arises with any spectator it is a matter the referee should place in the hands of the Game Controller/Court Manager Official.

- . Interpret rules and regulations fairly and to match the skill level and the needs of the Participants.
- . Use common sense to ensure that the "spirit of the game" is not lost by overcalling technical violations.
- . Compliment and encourage all participants, both on and off the court.
- . Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- . Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- . Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- . Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
- . Ensure that both on and off the court your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- . Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- . Help the education process in the game.
- . Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- . Always present yourself in a way which encourages others to respect you and your role.
- . Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- . Regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect.

Scorers

The members of the score table are an extension of the referee's involvement in the game. Scorers should be neutral in the performance of their assigned tasks and should be attentive so as to accurately time and record the results of the game.

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Statisticians

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1.5 Spectators

Spectators' pay for the privilege of watching a sports event and it is hoped they will enjoy the experience. Certainly they should cheer and support the team of their choice as enthusiastically as they can. They should not denigrate the other team or referees, or spoil the event for other spectators. If any spectator brings the game into disrepute the Court Official should act to remedy the situation even to the point of requiring the offending party to leave the stadium.

With the spectators so close to the action or the action so close to the spectators it is important that all appropriate steps are taken to keep them apart during the course of the game. All too often young children are allowed to walk, run, or even sit far too close to where the players are moving at high speed. Not only is there a potential for the spectator to be seriously injured, but also for the same outcome to happen to the player. Both occurrences can ill be afforded by any of our members. Crowd control is the responsibility of the host member! If immediate motivation is needed just realise, in financial terms, what the loss of your leading player could do to your program.

Spectators should ensure that their refuse is placed in a bin and not just left on the floor to be either a danger to someone else or an eyesore and a health hazard. Host members should ensure enough bins are available and that they encourage their use by the spectators. Further, canteens could well review the nature of some of their products offered for sale and possibly remove such items as are likely to roll out onto the court accidentally or otherwise.

- . Remember that most players play in the SEABL for their enjoyment and benefit.
- . Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- . Applaud good performances and efforts from individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- . Always be positive in your support for all players and officials.
- . Never encourage players to engage in violence or engage in it yourself.
- . Respect your teams opponents, officials and supporters.
- . Encourage players to follow the rules and to accept the official's decisions.
- . Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
- . Regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect.
- . Ensure that children with you at a basketball game are well behaved and do not wander onto or near the court.
- . Respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

1.6 Media

The League very much appreciates the efforts of journalists, reporters and other media representatives who portray the sport in an informative unbiased factual mode. Indeed, such responsible reporting is well worth everyone's attention.

Co-operation with media representatives can have a dramatic influence on the way our sport is seen in the eyes of the public. There is a responsibility on all members to provide information and facts from the appropriate source, just as there is a responsibility of good reporting to present the story in its correct context without selective omissions or partial quotes.

- . Provide competitive and non-competitive coverage as well as reporting on all SEABL matters.
- . Don't highlight isolated incidents of inappropriate sporting behaviour.
- . Give equal time and space to reporting male and female teams.
- . Focus upon a players fair play and honest effort.
- . Do not place unfair expectations on all players, they are not professionals.
- . Focus on the abilities and not the faults of all players.
- . Avoid reinforcing stereotypical views on the involvement of males/females in the SEABL.
- . Familiarise themselves with the Basketball Structure, from National Level to Junior domestic.
- . Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

1.7 Administrators

The League is an interstate operation needing to be conducted on a professional basis. In the best interests of all involved, especially those who have travelled interstate, it is most important that all our administrators adopt a professional approach and ensure that they have adequate back up in case of emergencies. Part of that efficiency is the maintenance of good lines of communication.

- . Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making relating to the clubs operation in the SEABL.
- . Give all people equal opportunities to participate
- . Create pathways for people to participate in the SEABL, not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- . Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of all players
- . Provide quality supervision and instruction to all players
- . Remember that players participate in the SEABL for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.

- . Help coaches and technical officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and levels of club technical officials.
- . Ensure that everyone involved in the Club emphasis fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- . Make it clear that abusing players in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- . Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player, spectator, or technical official regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- . Discourage players from engaging in dangerous practices and always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

1.8 Executive Officers

The elected officers of the League have offered their services for the promotion of the League and Australian Basketball. They have a job to do which often has its pleasurable rewards but sometimes there are tasks to be done which are quite onerous and may even be quite unpleasant for them and maybe some of our members. Co-operation and understanding on both sides on such occasions will resolve most problems for the betterment of all.

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- . Ensure that rules, equipment, and length of games are modified to suit the, ability and gender of all players.
- . Remember that players participate in the SEABL for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- . Ensure that everyone involved in the SEABL are there for enjoyment because of a passion for the sport, and that winning is only part of their motivation.
- . Assist all participants in basketball to know and understand the rules.
- . Make it clear that abusing players in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- . You set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- . Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player, administrator, spectator, or technical official regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- . Discourage players from engaging in dangerous practices and always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

1.9 General

The purpose of this document is to provide a guideline as to the standards of conduct expected by the members of the South East Australian Basketball League in all aspects of its operation.

It is not intended that this document becomes a By-Law, but rather that it be an expression of the spirit in which the members believe the League should be conducted.

The South East Australian Basketball League as an elite national development basketball competition in Australia enjoys a privileged status and profile and with that goes the responsibility of being the standard bearers by which the sport is judged. As such, players, coaches and club administrators who share in the status and profile of the League have a responsibility to conduct themselves both on and off the court in a manner that will not lessen the high regard in which the League is held by the public. To this end the following represent ethical codes that all those associated with the SEABL should adhere to:

- . Violence has no part in the sport of basketball, and at all times will always remain unacceptable.
- . The use of illicit drugs or drugs to enhance performance are prohibited.
- . Gambling on the outcome of ABA games by players, referees and coaches can have dangerous implications for the sport and is prohibited.
- . Public comment that is prejudicial to the best interests of the sport and the ABA is not condoned.
- . Standards of public conduct both on and off the court should not be offensive to the general sensibility of the average Australian family.