



## MINI BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### Code of Behaviour – Players

- Know and play by the FIBA & MBL rules.
- Never argue with an official
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- Treat all participants during the game as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no organized competition in basketball.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Players have to have signed the Players Code of Conduct before they are eligible to play.

### Code of Behaviour – Parents

- Remember that children participate in basketball for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a match or competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate in basketball.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Parents and other spectators are to respect each other at all times, during and after the games.
- Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A PARENT ENTER THE PLAYING COURT, APPROACH AN OFFICIAL, OPPOSITION PLAYER OR COACH** before, during or after the game.
- Parents have to have signed the Parents Code of Conduct before their children are eligible to play.



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### Code of Behaviour - Coaches

- Know and participate by FIBA & MBL rules and regulations, particularly the modified rules.
- Encourage young people to develop basic skills in a variety of positions and discourage specialization or playing in one position.
- Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as basic skills.
- Give priority to free play activities, skill learning and modified rules over highly structured competition for primary school children.
- Help young people understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Coaches have to have signed the Coaches Code of Conduct before they are eligible to manage a team to play.

### Code of Behaviour – Team/Club Administrators

- Ensure that all coaches, players and parents know the MBL Rules & Regulations.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that your members behave in an appropriate manner on and off the court. Approaching a member of the opposition team, a spectator or/and an official in an inappropriate manner at any time is COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. Obviously, approaching anyone to say, for example, 'Job well done, thank you for the game' etc., is acceptable and strongly encouraged.
- Ensure that everyone involved in basketball emphasizes fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Collect signed code of behaviour documents from players, parents and coaches, and ensure that they are adhered to all times! It's the club administrator's responsibility to monitor its club members, players and coaches behavior, and take preventative measures to ensure a safe playing environment for all young players.
- It's the club administrator's responsibility to submit all required hard copy documents, including a categorical declaration, that all the clubs/teams member have signed the respective codes of conduct.

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