



Sydney Social Basketball CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS

- Play may be hard, energetic and enthusiastic but should never be violent or unsportsmanlike. Recurring offenders will be suspended from the competition.
- Players exhibiting violent or aggressive behaviour will be asked to sit on their teams bench for 3 minutes.
- Verbal provocation of any sort is unacceptable.
- Players should not react with violence to any physical or verbal provocation. A retaliation will be dealt with as severely as the original provocation.
- Players should never argue with an umpire/referee. A player is allowed to talk to the referee about a ruling and the referee will explain why the call was made. The referee has the right to take away these privileges.
- Any on-going antagonistic behaviour towards the referees, bench or any other officials will be dealt with by technical foul and the player will be put under review for suspension.
- Immodest behaviour in victory or success, and manifestation of self-disgust at an error or failure is poor sportsmanship. Too much/too loud swearing can warrant a technical foul.
- Inappropriate talk can be considered bad sportsmanship and may be asked by the referee to stop.
- Name-calling (including body shaming, racism, homophobia, misogyny, etc) is unacceptable and will put the player under review for a suspension/ban. Bullying of any kind is not tolerated.
- Cheering at your opponents' errors, or cheering to spite another team is unacceptable (even as a spectator).
- Players on the bench are also subject to the above rules and a player in question, or the bench can either be given a technical foul at the discretion of the referee.
- All of these rules can be enforced by the referee and can result in a Technical foul. At the referees discretion, they may also not be penalised. At two Technical fouls the player will be ejected and put under review for suspension. A player who is ejected will be given 1 minute to leave the stadium. A player who refuses to leave will cause his team to forfeit and may cause management to involve the police.
- Players that smell of alcohol can be asked to leave the premises.
- Players are encouraged to play in a sportsmanlike manner and to extend courtesy to the opposing team. This includes post-match courtesies such as shaking hands with the opposing team and extending thanks to the referees and the bench after the match.
- Any attendee to the game (Player/Spectator/Coach) can be asked to only communicate in English, if necessary to maintain the referees understanding of what is being said.
- Referees and Bench Officials have ultimate power to make decisions in the best interest of the game and/or safety of the players or officials. This may include making changes to the game, ejecting players and cancelling games.

SSB encourages players to enjoy the game, not stress about it. Please remember, just like in a park, pub or office; the laws about assault and threats can potentially also apply to the basketball court.

SPECTATORS & COACHES

- Spectators are never to jeer opposition players.
- Spectators are never to talk or give advice to the referee during the game.
- Spectators are to show respect for the game by not bouncing balls, yelling or deliberately putting players off.
- Coaches may talk to the referee's about a ruling but can not argue with the call, nor antagonize the referee. A coach who is given two Technical fouls will be asked to leave.
- Spectators that bring or smell of alcohol can be asked to leave the premises.
- If the referee asks the spectators to do something, for example move back from the sidelines, pick up basketballs or be quiet during free throws then the spectators are to respect the referee.
- All of these rules can be enforced and spectators can receive a technical foul and be asked to leave. A spectator who will not leave will halt the game and management may need to involve the police.