



COACH CODE OF CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

The McKinnon Basketball Association's (MBA) **Code of Conduct & Expectations** are aligned with **Basketball Victoria** (BV) to give participants a guide as to the expectations of MBA and BV for their behaviour and conduct.

Basketball is a recreational activity for enjoyment and health.

All of the BV Codes of Conduct can be found [here](#).

BV's **Codes of Conduct** are intended to assist **Players, Coaches, Administrators, Parents** and **Spectators** to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball.

As a **McKinnon Cougar Coach** you must be fully committed to abiding by the **Coach Code of Conduct & Expectations** by signature. It is critical that each coach understands the this document and is familiar with the behavioural and attitudinal expectations of *every McKinnon Cougar Coach*.

A breach of the **Coach Code of Conduct & Expectations** may result in disciplinary action by the **MBA Committee**, a **Tribunal** by the VJBL and may result in team omission, suspension or de-registration.

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- Remember that basketball is for enjoyment.
- Be reasonable in your demands.
- Teach understanding and respect for the rules.
- Provide players a **fair** amount of court time as per MBA guidelines.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents including their coaches.
- Instil in your players respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgement.
- Guide your players in their interaction with parents and spectators.
- Ensure that your training environment meets safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes - junior basketball is not "win at all costs".
- Develop not just skills, but the character of your players.
- Act responsibly when players are ill or injured - player health and wellbeing comes first.
- Keep your knowledge current and continually seek guidance and advice.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate, adhering to Child Safety guidelines eg. Handshakes, high-fives, first bumps.



- Avoid personal relationships with players.
- Coaches over the age of 18 are not to accept any McKinnon Cougar player under the age of 18 as a friend on social media or follow or interact with them on any social media.
- Coaches must not private message any under aged player for any reason. Team group chats are acceptable and only team events are to be discussed as a way of communication.
- Do not accept any form of gift, money or tokens of appreciation from any player or parent during the season as this may be seen as bribery. An end of season 'team gift' to the coach will be considered acceptable.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person - people first, athlete second.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- No written contract or agreements are to be given to players/parents without consent by MBA's Basketball Development Manager.
- Sign the Basketball Victoria "Member Protection Declaration" form.
- Coaches who receive two (2) behavioural technical fouls will be suspended for 1 game by the VJBL - see further behavioural technical foul penalties [here](#).

By coaching in the McKinnon Basketball Association Representative Program you are agreeing to abide to the conditions outlined in this Coaches Code of Conduct & Expectations agreement and Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct.

Date: _____

Coach Name: _____

Coach Signature: _____