



SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The following is written and displayed in line with Basketball England's official guidance on spectator conduct. Anyone found to be in breach will be asked to leave the venue.

All family/guardians of participants will:

1. Teach your child to treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation; gender, ethnic origin or cultural background;
2. Support all efforts to remove verbal, physical and racist abuse from basketball;
3. Not force an unwilling participant to take part in basketball;
4. Remember that young people are involved for their enjoyment - not yours;
5. Encourage all to play by the rules and respect the match officials;
6. Never ridicule or shout at a participant for making a mistake or losing a game;
7. Teach that effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment;
8. Remember that young people and vulnerable adults learn best by example;
9. Refrain from publicly questioning the judgement or honesty of match officials;
10. Recognise the value and importance of volunteers in basketball. They give their time, energy and resources to provide recreational activities for others.
11. Not shout abuse at officials, coaches, players or other spectators;

All spectators will:

1. Not use offensive, discriminatory or obscene language or gestures. Not harass or verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators in any form;
2. Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation;
3. Condemn the use of violence in all forms and refrain from any violent or aggressive behaviour;
4. Show respect for opponents and match officials. Without them there would be no game;
5. Acknowledge good performance and fair play by opponents as well as by your own team;
6. Remember the players are taking part for their enjoyment not yours;
7. Not ridicule players who make mistakes;
8. Not over emphasise the importance of winning;
9. Not enter the court unless authorised otherwise;
10. Not shout abuse at officials, coaches, players or other spectators.



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