

NSBL Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures

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Club Principles:

- 1) Everyone is welcome, no matter their skill level or background.
- 2) We aim to create a warm and welcoming community focused on fostering skill development, a love for basketball, and a strong element of creating not only great basketballers, but great members of society.
- 3) Positive & Respectful. Competition brings out a fierce passion in everyone, let's remember to keep our interactions positive and respectful.
- 4) Let's work through any issues with conflict resolution.
Unresolved issues are not ideal – please speak with us and let us assist in everyone moving forward.

Definitions:

Unsportsmanlike conduct – any behaviour on or off the court that brings the game or club into disrepute, including, but not limited to, violence, foul language, racism, homophobia, sexism, dangerous play on the court, vandalism of facilities, disrespect to club staff or school staff.

Determination of such conduct is up to the discretion of club staff first, and if required, club management.

Technical foul – given during a game to a player, coach or spectator who displays rude, dangerous or disrespectful conduct, resulting in ONE free throw (no lineup) AND possession to the opposing team.

Unsportsmanlike foul – given during a game to a player who enacts a non-basketball play including, but not limited to, deliberate tripping, two-handed pushes in the back, intent to injure, excessive contact.

Disqualification foul – given during a game to a player or coach who shows extreme aggression, violence and/or disrespect.

Suspension – being prohibited from attending a specified number of games/training sessions, based on the discretion of club management. There is no refund for sessions missed due to a suspension.

Ban – being prohibited from attending NSBL training sessions, games and events for a long period of time, based on the discretion of NSBL management. *There is no refund for remaining sessions missed due to a ban.*

Rights of Players, Staff and Spectators at NSBL:

- To be treated with respect, understanding and fairness by all who attend
- To have fun, learn and play basketball in a safe and welcoming environment
- To receive quality coaching and refereeing

Responsibilities of Players, Staff and Spectators at NSBL:

- To treat every person attending with respect, understanding and fairness
- To uphold the standards of safety that is expected by every person attending
- To coach, referee and play to the best of their ability, and to engage in calm, mature discussion if there is a difference in opinion
- To arrive at least five minutes before your session starts to ensure consistent and prompt schedules for all
- To ensure there is no need for first aid, and if there is a need, to assist when required, or allow others to handle a medical incident without disruption
- To treat all facilities with the utmost care. This includes, but is not limited to, the courts, rings, nets, bathrooms, and buildings, as well as club gear such as basketballs
- To report any wrongdoing by any attendees, especially in the case of any unsportsmanlike or illegal activity

Disciplinary Procedures:

Juniors – K-12

Members who attend junior training sessions or games are expected to follow the instructions of coaches and referees, and to abide by the above rights and responsibilities code.

Not during a game:

If a junior member is found to be disrupting training sessions, not abiding by the above rights and responsibilities code, or anything else deemed unsportsmanlike, management will speak to their parents/caregivers and the member will receive their first warning. If a second warning is required, management may discuss a suspension of 1-2 weeks. If a third warning is required, management will implement a two week suspension, and may discuss a full term ban.

During a game:

If a junior member receives an unsportsmanlike foul call, TWO free throws (with no lineup) AND possession are given to the opposing team. The member in question will receive an official warning and the possibility of more severe disciplinary action, depending on the severity of the foul.

If a junior member receives a technical foul call, ONE free throw (with no lineup) AND possession are given to the opposing team.

If a junior member receives TWO technical foul calls in one game they will be ejected from the stadium for the remainder of the game, and based on the discretion of club management, may receive a 1-2 week suspension.

If a junior member receives TWO suspensions during a term, any subsequent technical fouls, unsportsmanlike fouls or disqualification fouls will result in a further review of suspension / ban.

Adult members

Not during a game:

Adult members not playing a game who do not act in accordance with the above rights and responsibilities will be treated in the same manner as spectators (please see below).

During a game:

If an adult member receives two technical foul calls during a game they will be ejected from the game and asked to leave the venue for the remainder of the evening. Suspensions may be discussed based on the severity of their actions.

If an adult member receives two unsportsmanlike foul calls, the member in question will be ejected from the game and asked to leave the venue for the remainder of the game.

Both scenarios will receive an official warning and the possibility of a suspension, depending on the severity.

The same free throw and possession rules apply for Seniors Competitions as for Junior Competitions.

Given the nature of our *current* competitions i.e. mixed games, both men and women are reminded

to ensure they show respect and courtesy regarding differences i.e. skill level, strength, following mixed rules.

Spectators:

Anyone attending NSBL games, training sessions or events, who is not a member, must still abide by the rights and responsibilities listed above.

Unacceptable spectator behaviour includes but is not limited to:

- Obscene language
- Violence
- Vandalism of school or club property
- Disrespectful attitude to opposing teams or spectators
- Disrespectful attitude to club staff, school staff and/or cleaning staff
- Arguing with referees on calls
- Bringing food or drinks other than water into the indoor gym (coffees etc are acceptable so long as care is taken to avoid spills etc)
- Interrupting the ability of staff to do their job

Spectators who disregard these rules may either be given a technical foul call, awarded against their team (if during a game) AND/OR be banned from attending future games, training sessions or NSBL events, with or without warning.

Finally, failure to leave the venue by any members or spectators when asked to after unacceptable behaviour and/or technical foul calls, may result in the relevant authorities being contacted.

Final Words:

This document is designed to be flexible and understanding, as we at NSBL believe that all who are a part of our club only want the best for all involved.

Basketball is not just a sport – it is a way for the community to come together, as well as a means of education for the young and not so young.

The values laid out in this document are ones we believe represent NSBL.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this document, please email basketball@nsbl.com.au