



YORKE VALLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

COACH - CODE OF CONDUCT

Yorke Valley Basketball Association endorse the following code of behaviour for Coaches involved in its basketball and all Coaches participating in the Yorke Valley Basketball Association will abide by this code.

The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment of their involvement in basketball:

Mercy rule – The Yorke Valley Basketball Association Inc. rules and regulations state:

c. Mercy rule – Junior matches:

- i. The mercy rule shall only apply to junior competition with the exception of under 18 and under 20 grades. When the margin of a match to which this rule applies reaches 40 points:
 1. The score is recorded as the final score for the game and no further scores are recorded; and
 2. Personal and team fouls continue to be recorded for the duration of the game.
 3. When the mercy rule on Monday nights is reached before the start of the last quarter, an umpire timeout will be called, the coaches will even the teams and continue the game in the spirit of basketball.

d. Zone defence – Junior matches:

Zone defence will not be played by U10's, U12's and U14's.

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun. Endure that their time spent is a positive experience.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach you players to follow the rules and show good sportsmanship.
- Ensure that violent or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players is not undertaken nor permitted.
- Ensure that players and spectators respect the decisions of the officials and that abuse, and harassment of officials is not to be tolerated.
- Show respect for the decisions of officials to yourself and do not show obvious dissent.
- Be courteous to officials and if you have any questions of them, approach them at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner.
- Be aware of any particular referee programs which protect inexperienced referees e.g. "Green Shirt" program. Give them a chance to develop their skills without harassment or abuse.
- Promote good sportsmanship between your team and opponents.
- Know the Rules and Association Regulations. Without this knowledge you cannot effectively coach your team.
- Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate to the situation.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- It is the wish of our Association that the courts are kept clear during a game. The benches either side of the score bench, are to be used by coaches, players, umpires and team managers only. As the parents and/or peers of our players we ask that you remind players of this if they forget.