



Eltham Nth Jets Basketball Club | Behaviour Policy

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. These codes of conduct have been developed by Basketball Victoria to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in basketball. Enjoy!!

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using bad language;
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance;
- being drunk at a club event or game.

Sideline coaching is not permitted.

What is sideline coaching?

Sideline coaching

- Is: providing direction over and above the coach
- Is: shouting directions to players from the spectator area.
- Is: not allowing the coach to be heard from the sideline.
- Is: interacting with the referee (**at all – zero tolerance**).

Sideline Coaching

- Is Not: cheering and clapping the players.

- Is Not: encouraging the players whilst on court.
- Is Not: supporting the kids to play at their best.

What WE will do

- A zero tolerance to abuse of officials. Refer DVBA policy – (insert link)
 - Provide members, their parents and other sporting personnel with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
 - Where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to stadiums and facilities and by requiring parents to abide by club rules (e.g. by making parents associate members, signing our Code of Behaviour).
 - Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through other club communication.
 - Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
 - Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at or after a game.
 - Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g. appoint a ground official to monitor behaviour).
 - Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call stadium officials if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.
- **What we ask YOU to do**
- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
 - Abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
 - If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present, ask for their assistance.
 - Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to a member of the executive committee
 - Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

Non-Compliance

- Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.