

North Kildare Basketball Club Code of Conduct

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All members are expected to behave in a responsible manner both towards themselves and others, showing consideration, courtesy and respect for other members and adults at all times. Members will respect the rights of others to participate and develop in a secure and safe atmosphere. Respect must be shown for the property of the individuals and the club at all times.

1. No Person will bully or harass either physically or verbally another person.
2. Continuous disruption or non-compliance with the directions given by the coaches will not be accepted.
3. Physical assault or threat of physical assault will not be accepted and may lead to immediate dismissal.
4. No person shall discriminate against another person for any reason.
5. No person shall take or interfere with another person's or the club's property.
6. Members are not allowed to leave at any time during training without permission of the coach.
7. Discriminate against other player on the basis of; gender, appearance, age, ability, religion or belief, disability, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.
8. Take banned substances, drink alcohol, smoke or engage inappropriate sexual behaviour.

In this regard children should undertake to:

- Play fairly, do their best and have fun.
- Make high standards of Fair Play the standard others want to follow.
- Respect opponents, they are not the enemy; they are partners in a sporting event.
- Shake hands before and after the match, whoever wins or safe Covid -19 alternative agreed
- Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can get attention.

- Accept apologies from opponents when they are offered.
- Respect fellow team members and support them both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Treat players from minority groups with the same respect you show other people.
- Be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat “BE A SPORT”.
- Approach the club Children’s Officer with any questions or concerns they might have. Coaches and parents/guardians should encourage children to speak out and support them in doing so.

Children should not:

- Cheat.
- Use abusive language, or argue with, the referee, officials, team mates or opponents.
- Use violence, use physical contact only when it is allowed within the rules.
- Bully.
- Tell lies about adults or other children.
- Spread rumours.
- Take banned substances to improve performance.
- Keep secrets about any person who may have caused them harm.

Policy for Parents Linked to BI Code of Ethics

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Priority is the welfare of young players and we are committed to providing an environment, which will allow participants to perform to their best ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

The Club as do BI have a duty of care for volunteers working with young players on behalf of the organisation.

Parents should:

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, officials and organisers
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Always behave responsibly on the sidelines and do not seek to unfairly affect the game on court or the player on court
- Take care not to expose any young player, intentionally or unintentionally, to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child
- Respect referees, coaches, organisers and other players

- Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides
- Encourage mutual respect for team mates and opponents
- Ensure that their children are collected at the appointed times
- Check transport plans and be happy with the arrangements
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive and bullying behaviour in all its forms

Sanctions:

If found in breaches of the club's rules will be dealt with on a graduated scale listed here under:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Suspension
- Dismissal

The decision will be made by the club committee. Please also see North Kildare Basketball Club Grievance Disciplinary Complaints and Appeals Procedure.