



SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

GREATER SPRINGFIELD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC (GSBA)

Approved: 12 June 2026

Purpose

Greater Springfield Basketball Association Inc (GSBA) is committed to providing a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators. All spectators are expected to behave respectfully and support the values of sportsmanship, fair play and inclusion.

This Code of Conduct applies to all spectators attending GSBA activities, competitions, training sessions and events.

1. Support Participation and Enjoyment

Remember that basketball is played for enjoyment, development and participation. Encourage all players and recognise effort, improvement and good sportsmanship regardless of the result.

2. Respect Referees and Officials

Referees and officials play an essential role in the game and must be treated with respect at all times.

- Accept all decisions made by referees and officials.
- Do not abuse, harass, threaten or intimidate referees, officials or scoretable personnel.
- Do not enter the court or approach officials regarding decisions during or after games.



3. Encourage Players Positively

Provide positive encouragement to all players.

- Never ridicule, criticise or humiliate a player for making mistakes.
- Recognise that children and young people develop at different rates.
- Encourage effort, teamwork and good behaviour above winning.

4. Demonstrate Respect Towards Others

Treat all participants with dignity and respect.

This includes players, coaches, managers, officials, volunteers, parents and opposing spectators.

5. No Abuse, Harassment or Discrimination

Spectators must not engage in behaviour that is abusive, intimidating, offensive or discriminatory.

This includes:

- Swearing directed at any person.
 - Verbal abuse or personal attacks.
 - Threatening behaviour.
 - Bullying or harassment.
 - Racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic or discriminatory remarks.
 - Online abuse or social media harassment relating to GSBA activities.
6. Promote Fair Play

Encourage players to:

- Play by the rules.



- Respect opponents.
- Respect officials.
- Display good sportsmanship.

Spectators must not encourage unsporting behaviour, cheating, retaliation or violence.

7. Violence Will Not Be Tolerated

Any form of physical aggression, intimidation, threatening behaviour or violence is strictly prohibited.

This includes behaviour directed towards players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents or other spectators.

8. Supervise Children

Children attending GSBA activities must remain under the supervision of a responsible adult.

Children must not:

- Enter courts during games.
- Interfere with players, officials or equipment.
- Create safety risks for participants or spectators.

9. Respect Facilities and Equipment

All spectators must respect facilities, venues and equipment.

Deliberate damage, misuse of equipment or unsafe behaviour may result in removal from the venue and liability for any damage caused.



10. Child Safe Commitment

GSBA is committed to providing a child safe environment.

Spectators must act in a manner that promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of children and young people and comply with all GSBA Child Safe policies and procedures.

Breaches of this Code

Any spectator who breaches this Code of Conduct may be subject to action including:

- A verbal warning.
- Direction to leave the venue.
- Suspension from attending GSBA activities.
- Referral to venue management.
- Referral to Basketball Queensland or relevant authorities where appropriate.

Serious breaches involving abuse, threats, discrimination, violence or behaviour that places a child or participant at risk may result in immediate removal from the venue and further disciplinary action.

By attending a GSBA activity, all spectators agree to comply with this Code of Conduct.

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