



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

GREATER SPRINGFIELD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC (GSBA)

Approved: 12 June 2026

### **Purpose**

GSBA is committed to providing a safe, positive and enjoyable basketball environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.

All parents, guardians and spectators are expected to model respectful behaviour and support the values of sportsmanship, inclusion and fair play.

### **Parents and spectators must:**

1. Support Participation and Enjoyment  
Encourage children to participate for their own enjoyment, development and wellbeing. Never pressure, force or intimidate a child to play, perform or continue participating in basketball.
2. Promote Fair Play  
Encourage children to play by the rules, demonstrate good sportsmanship and show respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and volunteers.
3. Focus on Effort and Development  
Value effort, improvement, learning and teamwork ahead of winning. Recognise that player development is more important than the result of any game.
4. Respect Players  
Do not criticise, embarrass, ridicule or verbally abuse any player, including your own child, another player, teammate or opponent.
5. Respect Coaches and Team Officials  
Allow coaches to coach. Parents should not instruct players from the sidelines in a manner that conflicts with team coaching or game management.



6. **Respect Referees and Officials**  
Accept the decisions of referees and officials. Do not argue, abuse, harass, threaten or intimidate referees, scorebench officials or competition staff.
7. **Demonstrate Appropriate Behaviour**  
Conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all times. Offensive language, aggressive behaviour, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, bullying or threatening conduct will not be tolerated.
8. **Support a Positive Environment**  
Applaud good play by all teams and contribute to a positive sporting atmosphere for all participants.
9. **Respect Diversity and Inclusion**  
Treat every person with dignity and respect regardless of age, gender, ability, race, culture, religion, sexuality or background.
10. **Appreciate Volunteers**  
Recognise that coaches, managers, officials and administrators contribute significant time and effort to support the sport. Treat all volunteers with courtesy and respect.
11. **Supervise Children**  
Parents and guardians remain responsible for the behaviour and supervision of children in their care while attending GSBA activities.
12. **Respect Facilities and Equipment**  
Treat all venues, facilities and equipment with care. Do not damage property or permit children to engage in unsafe behaviour around basketball equipment.
13. **Use Social Media Responsibly**  
Parents and spectators must not use social media, messaging platforms or electronic communication to harass, intimidate, abuse, undermine or publicly criticise players, coaches, officials, volunteers, GSBA representatives or other participants.

### **Breaches of this Code**

Any parent or spectator who breaches this Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, including:



- Verbal or written warnings
- Direction to leave a venue
- Suspension from attending GSBA activities
- Restrictions on contact with officials, coaches or volunteers
- Referral to Basketball Queensland or other relevant authorities where appropriate

Serious misconduct may result in immediate removal from a venue and further disciplinary action.

By attending or participating in any GSBA activity, parents, guardians and spectators agree to comply with this Code of Conduct.

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