



**BOARD OPERATIONS AND
PROCEDURES MANUAL**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Adopted 2005

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CODE?

The purpose of this Code is to set the standards of behaviour that the Southland Basketball Association considers necessary and are in the best interests of the game of basketball in Southland.

Failure to comply with the standards outlined below is an offence and is subject to disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Disciplinary Procedures Manual. Alleged offenders may be put on report as outlined in the Disciplinary Procedures Manual.

WHO DOES THIS CODE APPLY TO?

This Code applies to:

- a) All persons who are within the jurisdiction of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of The Southland Basketball Association
- b) Employees and contractors of The Southland Basketball Association, in accordance with the Employment Relations Act
- c) Coaches, officials, administrators and any other person involved with basketball as governed by The Southland Basketball Association

THE PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour. They shall give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
2. Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the confines of the playing area, including the team bench, during a game, warm up periods and post game within the playing area, particularly in relation to comment to or about game officials.
3. Players shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the game, tournament or league venue.
4. Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the game, league or tournament venue.
5. Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger, hit, kick or throw a basketball within the precincts of the game, tournament or league venue. This includes hitting, kicking or throwing a ball recklessly within the venue and with negligent disregard for the consequences.
6. Players shall not violently, dangerously, with anger or otherwise treat the game equipment or fixtures in such a way as might reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the equipment, fixtures or people in the venue.

Under the FIBA Rules of Basketball, referees are already empowered to penalise players, coaches and other team officials for violation of these provisions within the game. However, from time to time, such rulings may not have been made and the violations still noted and subject to complaint. In such cases where the evidence shows a prima facie case to answer, penalties, as prescribed in the Disciplinary Procedures Manual, shall apply.

Such transgressions, when carried out after or before a game and beyond the jurisdiction of the referee, shall be liable to complaint and subject to penalties as prescribed in the Disciplinary Procedures Manual.

In addition, in circumstances where behaviour is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the game, tournament or league, or is singularly egregious, a single violation of this nature shall be considered a major offence of 'aggravated *behaviour*' and, irrespective of penalties applied in the game or otherwise, shall be subject to additional penalties set out in these procedures.

7. No player at or in any game, tournament or league under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball Association jurisdiction shall engage in 'aggravated *behaviour*' defined as:
 - a) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code of Conduct as 'aggravated *behaviour*'; or
 - b) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a game, tournament or league, or is singularly egregious; or
 - c) A series of 2 or more such violations of this code within a 12 month period which singularly do not constitute 'aggravated *behaviour*', but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental to the game of basketball in New Zealand.
8. Players shall not give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement within the precincts of the game or tournament venue, having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the game, tournament, league and/or officiating thereof.
9. Players shall not wager anything of value in connection with any game or event under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball jurisdiction.
10. No player shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in a game.
11. Players shall not engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of basketball. This may include:
 - a) Criminal conviction which may or may/not lead to imprisonment; or
 - b) Behaviour in such a manner which is severely damaging to the reputation of the game or The Southland Basketball or BBNZ.

THE COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Coaches shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour. They shall give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
2. Coaches shall not give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement within the precincts of the game or tournament venue, having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the game, tournament, league and/or officiating thereof.
3. Coaches shall, within the game or tournament venue, refrain from:
 - (a) Using an audible obscenity within the playing area;
 - (b) Making obscene gestures of any kind;
 - (c) Verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the game or tournament venue;
 - (d) Physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the game or tournament venue.
4. Coaches shall not wager anything of value in connection with any game or event under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball Association jurisdiction.
5. No coach shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in a game.
6. No coach at or in any game, tournament or league under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball Association jurisdiction shall engage in 'aggravated *behaviour*' defined as:
 - a) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code of Conduct as '*aggravated behaviour*' or
 - b) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a game, tournament or league, or is singularly egregious or
 - c) A series of 2 or more such violations of this code, within a 12 month period which singularly do not constitute '*aggravated behaviour*', but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental to the game of basketball in Southland.
7. Coaches shall not engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of basketball. This may include:
 - a) Criminal conviction which may or may/not lead to imprisonment; or
 - b) Behaviour in such a manner which is severely damaging to the reputation of the game, BBNZ or The Southland Basketball Association.

THE OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Officials shall, within the game or tournament venue, refrain from:
 - a) Using an audible obscenity within the playing area;
 - b) Making obscene gestures of any kind
 - c) Verbally abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the game or tournament venue;
 - d) Physically abusing any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the game or tournament venue; and
2. Officials shall not give, make, issue, authorise or endorse any public statement within the precincts of the game or tournament venue, having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the game, tournament, league or competition and/or the officiating thereof.
3. Officials shall not wager anything of value in connection with any game or event under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball Association jurisdiction.
4. No official shall offer, give, solicit or accept, or agree to offer, give, solicit or accept anything of value to or from any person with the intent to influence any player's efforts in a game.
5. No official at or in any game, tournament or league under BBNZ, regional or The Southland Basketball Association jurisdiction shall engage in 'aggravated *behaviour*' defined as:
 - a) One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code of Conduct as aggravated *behaviour*' or
 - b) One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a game, tournament or league, or is singularly egregious or
 - c) A series of 2 or more such violations of this code within a 12 month period which singularly do not constitute 'aggravated *behaviour*', but when viewed together, establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental to the game of basketball in Southland.
6. Officials shall not engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of basketball. This may include:
 - a) Criminal conviction which may or may/not lead to imprisonment; or
 - b) Behaviour in such a manner which is severely damaging to the reputation of the game, BBNZ or The Southland Basketball Association.

MEANING OF THE WORDS IN THIS POLICY

- “SBA” means The Southland Basketball Association, the region’s governing body in Southland
- “BBNZ” means Basketball New Zealand Inc, the sport’s governing body in New Zealand
- “player” means any person who plays in a game or event conducted by or under the auspices of BBNZ or the SBA
- “coach” means any person who coaches in a game or event conducted by or under the auspices of BBNZ or the SBA
- “official” means any person who officiates in a game or event conducted by or under the auspice of BBNZ. This covers referees, umpires, table officials, floor controllers, and tournament controllers. This list is not exhaustive.
- “other *person*” means anyone else that may be reasonably covered.
- “aggravated *behaviour*” means behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the game, event, league or venue.
- “conduct *contrary to the integrity of the game of basketball*” means behaviour that is severely damaging to the reputation of the game, BBNZ or the SBA.
- “unsporting *conduct*” means conduct that violates the Fair Play Policy or the Code of Conduct of BBNZ or the SBA in such a way as may be considered an offence as determined by the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.
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