



Players Code of Conduct & Behaviour

Overview

The Balwyn Blazers Basketball Club (Blazers) encourages active participation both on and off the court. As a club the Blazers has a set of stated values. Known as “TREDS”, these values underpin who we are as a club:

Teamwork - no matter what capacity in which we are representing the Blazers, we are all in it together, working towards a common goal

Respect - across our community, we treat others as we ourselves wish to be treated

Enjoyment - the sense of fun bonds us together in who we are and what we do

Development - we strive to better ourselves at every level across the Club

Sportsmanship - our conduct and attitude reflect that of a “good sport”: humble in victory and gracious in defeat

The following Players Code of Behaviour & Conduct (PCB&C) reinforces our Clubs commitment to these values. As a Player representing the Club, observing the code will ensure that these values are upheld, and that we as a Club **say what we do & do what we say** which will ultimately ensure we are respected by our peers in the community.

Your Role as Player Representing our Club

1. Learning, understanding and playing by the rules is your responsibility. The rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in basketball. If you do consistently break the rules you must accept that there will be consequences for you and your team
2. Be prepared to lose sometimes. Be a gracious winner and a good loser. Recognise that even in defeat, the loser has achieved something, just by playing. Not everything in life can be a winning situation. Losing can be an important learning experience for your wider life goals
3. Never argue with an official. If you disagree with something, have your Coach approach the Official at an appropriate break or after the completion of the game
4. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of Officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviours when representing our Club
5. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team-mates. Your team’s performance will benefit & so will you
6. Be a good sport. Acknowledge good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
7. Treat all participants in your sport as you want to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
8. Cooperate with your Officials, your Coach, Team-mates and Opponents. Without them, there would be no competition
9. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your Parents and Coaches
10. Facilities and equipment represent a large part of the operating cost of clubs. Ensure that you do not abuse anything provided for use. Whether representing the Club at a home venue or a competing club’s venue we ask that Players treat the facilities and equipment as if they were their own



11. We expect our club members to conduct themselves appropriately when using electronic communication (including social media) to share information or posting material on public websites relating to the club
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Failure to Follow the Players Code of Behaviour & Conduct

- The Club expects the highest standard of behaviour at all time from its Players representing the Club
- The Players Code of Behaviour & Conduct (PCB&C) is in conjunction with the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association (EDJBA) Code of Conduct
- A Players behaviour or conduct does not require a report by EDJBA for the Club to take action. The Club may investigate an alleged breach of the PCB&C if it is raised in writing with the Executive Committee by; an EDJBL Official – such as a Referee or Court Supervisor, Balwyn Blazers Coach or Team Manager, another Balwyn Blazers Player (or their legal Guardian) or by an equivalent member of a competing Club
- Blazers Players believed to be in breach of the club's PCB&C will be notified by in writing by a Member of the Executive Committee, or the relevant Age Group Co-ordinator that a breach is alleged to have occurred
- The Player will be required to respond to the Executive Committee to the alleged breach of the PCB&C. The response and action taken by the Executive Committee will be governed by the Clubs Disciplinary Policy
- If upon responding to the alleged breach to the PCB&C it is the decision of the Executive Committee that the Player has breached the PCB&C the Executive Committee may choose to impose a penalty upon the Player as outlined in the Clubs Disciplinary Policy. The penalty may range from; a formal apology to an effected party, a time based banned from presenting the Club, or in severe or repeat breaches expulsion from the Club.

Code References – Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct & Australian Sports Commission Junior Sports Code of Behaviour

I, _____ have read and understood the **Players Code of Behaviour & Conduct** and will abide by it as a member of Balwyn Blazers Junior Basketball Club.

Signature:

Date:

Team: Age Group:

If under 18 years of age, countersigned by parent/guardian:

Signature:

Date: