

# OUR COUGAR FAMILY



## CODE OF CONDUCT





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## Cockburn Basketball Association – Code of Conduct

### 1. Introduction and Purpose

The Cockburn Basketball Association (CBA) prides itself on facilitating an experience for the community that places a premium on enjoyment, inclusion, and excellence. As part of maintaining this experience, the CBA has a baseline expectation when it comes to behaviour. This is in the form of a Code of Conduct, that applies to all engaging as part of the CBA, no matter the venue.

The Code of Conduct outlined in this document has been adapted with permission from Basketball WA, and when engaging at Wally Hagan Stadium, should be read in conjunction with the Wally Hagan Stadium Terms of Entry document.

This Code of Conduct is divided into Spectators, Parents, Officials, Coaches and Players. It will be displayed on the CBA's website, as well as inside Wally Hagan Stadium in a clearly readable position. All coaches, referees, players, and team managers acknowledge when signing up via the registration database that they have read and acknowledged the Code of Conduct.

### 2. Spectator Code of Conduct

#### Spectators will:

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game. - Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Not use foul language, sledge, or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



### 3. Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

#### Parents and Guardians will:

- Remember children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

### 4. Officials/Referees Code of Conduct

#### Officials and Referees will:

- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes that will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.



## 5. Players Code of Conduct

### Players will:

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager respectfully approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
  - Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches. - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## 6. Coaches Code of Conduct

### Coaches will:

- Remember basketball is for enjoyment.
- Be reasonable in your demands.
- Teach understanding and respect for the rules.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, including their coaches.
- Respect officials and their judgement.
- Install respect for officials into your players.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes.
- Be prepared to invest in yourself.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.