

## Guernsey Basketball (Basketball England) Code of Ethics & Conduct



This Code of Ethics and Conduct applies to all individuals involved in the sport of basketball under the jurisdiction of Guernsey & Basketball England. All participants are obligated to uphold the highest standards of integrity to ensure the reputation of basketball remains beyond reproach. Basketball England and the GBA are committed to maintaining exemplary standards of behaviour and conduct at basketball games.

**General Principles:** All individuals involved in basketball must treat everyone equally and sensitively, irrespective of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural or social background, sexual orientation, religious belief, political affiliation, or any other personal characteristic. The GBA & Basketball England opposes any form of violent, offensive, or discriminatory behaviour and will take necessary actions to remove individuals not abiding by this Code.

**Responsibilities of All Involved:** Everyone in basketball, adults and young people alike, has a responsibility to treat others with dignity, respect, sensitivity, and fairness. Special attention should be given to the needs of young people and vulnerable adults, recognising that some may face additional barriers. Young participants should enjoy basketball in a safe environment, protected from abuse.

**Coaches:** Coaches affiliated with the GBA & Basketball England must:

- Prioritise safety and well-being.
- Avoid behaviour open to allegations of favouritism, misconduct, or impropriety.
- Follow guidelines on good practice when working with young people/vulnerable adults.
- Uphold appropriate boundaries in the coach-player relationship.
- Ensure training and playing demands are reasonable and age-appropriate.
- Hold recognised qualifications and abide by all rules and policies.
- Promote prevention and education on the misuse of performance-enhancing drugs.
- Declare any criminal convictions and coach only registered individuals.

**Players:** All affiliated players must:

- Treat everyone with respect.

- Abide by the rules and spirit of the game.
- Avoid violence and rough play, helping injured opponents.
- Accept decisions of match officials without question or complaint.
- Strive for the best performance and maintain humility in victory and defeat.
- Be good sports, applauding good performance.
- Encourage teamwork and give maximum effort.

**Match Officials:** All affiliated match officials must:

- Treat everyone equally and sensitively.
- Officiate only in registered games.
- Be honest, consistent, objective, impartial, and courteous.
- Be prepared physically and mentally.
- Decline matches if not fit to participate.
- Protect players by enforcing the laws of the game.

**Club Officials:** All club officials must:

- Treat everyone equally and sensitively.
- Use the official position against harassment or abusive language.
- Set a good example of behaviour and conduct.
- Ensure the club follows best practice guidelines.
- Resist illegal or unsporting influences.
- Encourage fair play and respect for all involved.

**Parents/Guardians:** Parents/guardians must:

- Teach children to treat everyone equally.
- Support efforts against verbal and racial abuse.
- Not force unwilling participants.
- Encourage playing by the rules.
- Not ridicule or shout at participants.

**Spectators:** Spectators must:

- Avoid offensive language or gestures.
- Treat everyone equally.
- Show respect for opponents, officials, and players.
- Acknowledge good performance.
- Not overemphasise winning.

**Young People:** Additional requirements for young people include treating others with respect, avoiding bullying, and reporting concerns to coaches or parents.

**Anti-Doping:** Participants must familiarise themselves with the UK Anti-Doping Policy and take sole responsibility for substances taken.

**Possible Sanctions:** Guernsey & Basketball England retains the right to investigate and take disciplinary action for any breach. Sanctions may include a warning, fine, or suspension.

Refer to the policies on Equal Opportunities and Equity, and Safeguarding Children for further details.