



BMBA



BMBA PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Understand and play by the rules.

Understanding and play by the rules. The rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in basketball. Also respect and appreciate the officials charged with enforcing the game's rules. Without them we haven't got a game.

2. Respect referees and other officials.

Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and you could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. If you disagree with a decision, move on with the game and the next play.

3. Control your temper.

Loss of temper is not only unpleasant for other participants in the game, it can also distract you and have an adverse effect on your concentration and effectiveness on the court. Play hard but stay calm.

4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team.

You owe it to yourself and others involved in your team to train and play to the best of your abilities. Your team's performance will benefit - so will yours. If you are half-hearted about your involvement in the sport you will become dissatisfied and lose out on the much of the enjoyment and satisfaction you can derive from giving it your best.

5. Be a good sport.

Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants in the game. Your opponents are entitled to proper courtesy. Acknowledge after a match them whether you win or lose and accept a loss gracefully.

6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.

Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Just because one of your team cannot perform as well as you do does not mean that they are not trying. Everyone makes mistakes. Do not abuse or ridicule another player when a mistake is made. Supporting and encouraging your teammates will assist them to improve their game.

7. Play for the “enjoyment of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.

Playing sport, including basketball, should be enjoyable. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't take it seriously, just that at the same time you should enjoy it. If you enjoy an activity you will perform much better and derive far more benefit from it than if it is an unpleasant experience. You may experience pressure from your coach and parents and others to perform outside of your capability or desires. Whilst this can be a positive and their way of showing you support in your activities, you should resist it where it no longer is enjoyable.

8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

Regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect. Avoid any remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory. Using discretion is imperative and it is better to err on the side of caution.

9. Be prepared to lose sometimes.

Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a gracious winner and a good loser. Disappointment at losing is natural, but it should not be obvious to the point of being unpleasant towards others. Boastful winners are unpleasant and not respected. 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 both your game and your wider life goals.

10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.

Your coach has been appointed to coach your team because they have appropriate knowledge, abilities and experience. They have also undergone training to ensure that you get the best coach that you can commensurate with your skill levels. Apart from skills training, your coach can provide you with helpful advice on all aspects of playing basketball. Make the most of the opportunity provided to you to work with your coach to have a happy and successful experience in basketball.

11. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Facilities and equipment cost money and will only function properly if kept in good order. Ensure that you do not abuse anything provided for use. Do not engage in dangerous practices such as hanging off hoops or “slam dunking”. Quite properly, these practices are banned in most venues. Not only can equipment be damaged but serious injury can occur.

12. Embrace the Templars Code.

Learn, understand and embrace the “Templar's code”. It lies at the core of everything we do both on and off the court.

13. Embrace the Templars Goals and Ambitions.

Understand that at the Templars we are committed to providing the best basketball program in Melbourne. To be a part of the BMBA Templar Warriors you need to give your best to be your best, and that involves hard work, dedication and commitment to the Templars code, goals and

program and understanding if we all do this, enjoyment and success on the court and as people will follow.