

BASKETBALL NSW

GUIDELINES ON SPORTS RAGE



Board of Directors NSW Basketball Association

As a follow up to the NSW Governments stated position on sports rage, BNSW has decided to issue the following guidelines to basketball organisations, players, officials, parents/spectators so that no one is left in any doubt as to the standard of behaviour we will be striving to maintain from 2005 onwards.

Basketball NSW through its members and staff are actively striving to change behaviours of parents/spectators that portrays poor sporting behaviour, incites violence, abuses, harasses or the uses inappropriate language. Collectively these inappropriate behaviours are known as sports rage.

SPORTS RAGE - WHAT IS IT:

- Misplaced enthusiasm
- A loss of perspective
- Living life through your child/children
- The adoption of a winning at all costs attitude.
- Any behaviours that incite, harass, demean or belittle

WHAT IS NEEDED IN BASKETBALL TO PREVENT IT:

- Codes of conduct/behaviour that incorporate both child protection and sports rage issues.
- Creating an awareness of child protection issues
- Proactive procedures in relation to conflict resolution
- Initiating change in certain aspects of behaviour
- Adopting organisational goals that stress fun and enjoyment and minimising the win at all costs ethic.

THE AIM OF THESE GUIDELINES:

- Awareness
- Creating a sports rage position – zero tolerance policies for coaches and parents/spectators

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