

COACHES ETIQUETTE

Board of Directors NSW Basketball Association

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General

- Profanity is unacceptable
- Dress standards should be appropriate and project a positive image
- Immediately prior to a game commencing, shake hands with the opposition coach
- Immediately after a game concludes both coaches should meet at the centre line to shake hands
- Acceptable behaviour by all personnel on the team bench (i.e. Doctors, Physios, Assistant Coaches, Managers) is the responsibility of the Head Coach
- Only one team official at any one time should approach the scorebench
- Time-outs in the last minute(s) of games by a team with an unassailable winning margin should be for tactical reasons only. Therefore, "In your face", time-outs are not acceptable behaviour.
- Direct, hostile or negative comments to opposition coaches or players is unacceptable. Furthermore references made to "bait" opposition players or coaches is unacceptable
- Coaches should not make comments of a personally insulting nature about opposition coaches or players in a public forum. This has particular relevance for the media.
- Coaches should abide by the "spirit" as well as the "letter of the law". This has particular relevance in situations where, at the conclusion of a game, the losing coach wants some local by-law invoked that will change the result, i.e. 10 points deduction for incorrect shorts.
- It is not acceptable to constantly beseech referees to make favourable calls on every play
- It is hypothetical to admonish a referee for not allowing the game to flow only when calls go against your team, i.e. a 3 second call against Team A. Coach A admonishes the referee with, "Let the game flow" or "Don't overcall". Later a 3 second call is made against Team B, but Coach A has no concerns about the flow of the game.
- It is not acceptable for a coach to make indirect comments towards referees that allocate blame or incompetence, i.e. "Don't worry Michael, you never touched him".
- It is inappropriate for coaches to enlist or incite the crowd against the referees.

Junior Basketball

- Every team member should play in each half of every game & should play a worthwhile number of minutes. Australian Junior Championships (U16, 18, 20) interstate competition) are exempt from this.
- It is unacceptable for a team to press defensively against weaker teams. (ie using a press only as a measure of running up a score against a vastly weaker team).