

Overnewton Fire Basketball Club



Coach Code of Conduct

At Overnewton Fire Basketball Club, we are committed to fostering a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. As a coach, you play a vital role in developing not only basketball skills but also the character of our players. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all coaches within our club.

1. General Expectations

Coaches must:

- Always act in the best interests of the team and the club
- Provide a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for all players.
- Be role models in professionalism, respect, and sportsmanship.
- Support the personal and athletic development of each player.
- Abide by the rules and spirit of basketball and encourage others to do the same.

2. Behaviour at Training

Coaches must:

- Be punctual and well-prepared for all training sessions.
- Deliver structured, engaging, and age-appropriate training.
- Treat all players with equal respect, regardless of skill level, background, or attitude.
- Promote teamwork, discipline, and effort.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with players and parents.
- Create an environment free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination.
- Provide constructive feedback and focus on development over results.

3. Behaviour During Games

Coaches must:

- Lead with composure, integrity, and respect under pressure.
- Support referees' decisions and refrain from arguing or showing dissent.
- Encourage positive behaviour and sportsmanship from players at all times.
- Make fair and respectful use of substitutions and playing time, based on effort, teamwork, and game strategy.
- Address the team collectively, avoiding public criticism of individual players.
- Avoid excessive instruction during play that may confuse or pressure players.

4. Addressing Player Misbehaviour

A. Immediate Response (In-Game or During Training)

When a player exhibits poor behaviour (e.g. arguing with referees, disrespecting teammates, unsportsmanlike conduct), the coach should:

- Remain calm and intervene appropriately at the next opportunity (e.g. during a timeout, substitution, or break).
- Speak to the player privately when possible, using respectful and firm language.
- Reinforce club and team expectations and clearly explain the issue.
- Use temporary benching or reduced playing time if necessary, but always explain the reasoning to the player.

B. Post-Incident Action

After an incident, the coach should:

- Reflect on the situation and whether further action is needed.
- Speak to the player (and parent/guardian if appropriate) in a calm, supportive setting to discuss behaviour and consequences.
- Provide guidance on how the player can improve and make amends.
- Document repeated or serious misbehaviour and report it to the Club Committee for support and potential follow-up.
- Collaborate with parents and the Club to address persistent issues in a constructive and consistent manner.

5. Communication and Leadership

Coaches must:

- Maintain open, honest, and respectful communication with players, parents, and Club officials.
- Address conflicts privately and constructively.
- Avoid any behaviour that could be perceived as abusive, inappropriate, or overly aggressive.
- Be approachable, fair, and consistent in decision-making.
- Lead by example in all aspects of behaviour and attitude.

6. Breaches of the Code

Failure to uphold this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Verbal or written warnings from the Club Committee.
- Suspension from coaching duties.
- Removal from coaching position, in accordance with Club policies.

Acknowledgement

All coaches must acknowledge and agree to this Code of Conduct before beginning the season. Commitment to these standards ensures we maintain the integrity and values of the Overnewton Fire Basketball Club

Signed Agreement

I, the undersigned, have read, understood, and agree to abide by the **Coach Code of Conduct** as set out by the Overnewton Fire Basketball Club. I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to uphold the values, standards, and expectations outlined in this document and understand that any breach may result in disciplinary action by the Club.

By signing below, I commit to fostering a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all players and representing the Overnewton Fire Basketball Club with integrity and professionalism.

Coach Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team/Grade (if known): _____