

<b>Club:</b>	Bexley Tigers Basketball Club
<b>Governing Body:</b>	Basketball England
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*This Code of Ethics and Conduct applies to all persons involved in basketball under the jurisdiction of Bexley Tigers Basketball Club. All individuals have a responsibility to act with integrity and ensure the reputation of the Club and the sport of basketball is upheld at all times.*

## General Principles

Everyone involved in basketball must treat all others equally and with sensitivity, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural or social background, sexual orientation, religious belief, political affiliation, or any other personal characteristic. The Club is opposed to all forms of violent, offensive, or discriminatory behaviour.

Every young person or vulnerable adult involved in basketball should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and must be protected from abuse. All concerns of a child protection nature must be reported in accordance with the Club's Safeguarding Policy.

## 1. Coaches

Coaches affiliated to Basketball England and registered with Bexley Tigers Basketball Club agree to:

- Place the safety, welfare, and best interests of all participants above all other considerations
- Maintain professional boundaries and ensure their behaviour cannot be misconstrued or open to allegations of impropriety
- Hold or be working towards an appropriate Basketball England coaching qualification
- Maintain an up-to-date DBS check and valid Basketball England Safeguarding & Protecting Young People certificate
- Never use physical punishment or emotionally abusive language with any player
- Deliver coaching in a safe, positive, and inclusive manner
- Comply with all Club policies, including the Safeguarding Policy and Data Protection Policy
- Report any safeguarding concerns immediately to the Club Welfare Officer
- Adhere to Basketball England's Coach Code of Ethics at all times

## 2. Players

Players registered with Bexley Tigers Basketball Club agree to:

- Treat coaches, officials, opponents, teammates, and spectators with respect
- Play within the rules of basketball and the spirit of fair play
- Follow the instructions of coaches and officials
- Refrain from any form of bullying, harassment, or discrimination
- Report any safeguarding concerns to the Club Welfare Officer
- Not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, including aggressive language or gestures
- Respect Club property and the facilities used

## 3. Match Officials

Match officials (referees, table officials, and scorekeepers) agree to:

- Apply the rules of basketball fairly and consistently
- Maintain impartiality and professional conduct throughout all games
- Treat players, coaches, and spectators with respect
- Report any concerns about player or spectator behaviour to the appropriate Club officer
- Comply with Basketball England regulations and officiating standards

## 4. Club Officials & Volunteers

All club officials and volunteers agree to:

- Act in the best interests of the Club and its members at all times
- Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive Club matters
- Avoid and declare any conflicts of interest
- Comply with all Club policies and Basketball England guidelines
- Report any safeguarding concerns immediately to the Club Welfare Officer
- Not engage in any financial impropriety or misuse of Club funds

## 5. Parents, Guardians & Family Members

Parents, guardians, and family members of junior members agree to:

- Encourage and support their child or young person in a positive manner
- Respect coaches, officials, and other Club members at all times
- Not enter the court area or interfere with training or games
- Report any concerns about their child's welfare to the Club Welfare Officer
- Ensure their child attends sessions on time and is collected promptly
- Inform the Club of any relevant medical or welfare needs relating to their child

## 6. Spectators

All spectators at Club events and matches agree to:

- Behave in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times
- Refrain from verbal abuse, intimidation, or threatening behaviour towards any person
- Not engage in any form of discriminatory behaviour
- Follow all venue rules and Club instructions

## 7. Young People

Junior members are encouraged to:

- Be respectful towards coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials
- Take care of equipment and Club facilities
- Tell a trusted adult if they or a friend is worried about anything
- Enjoy the sport and support their teammates

## **8. Anti-Doping**

The Club and all its members are committed to competing and coaching free from the use of prohibited substances and methods. All members are expected to comply with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) rules and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, as adopted by Basketball England. A breach of Basketball England's Anti-Doping Rules constitutes a breach of this Code of Ethics and Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly.

Players participating in Basketball England competitions — including junior NBL and all affiliated leagues — are subject to anti-doping testing. Each player bears strict personal responsibility for any prohibited substance found in their body, regardless of how it came to be there. Ignorance or the inadvertent use of a supplement is not a defence. Members are strongly advised to use the Informed Sport or Informed Athlete verification tools before taking any supplement.

Free clean sport education is available to all members through Basketball England ([www.basketballengland.co.uk](http://www.basketballengland.co.uk)) and UKAD ([www.ukad.org.uk](http://www.ukad.org.uk)). Coaches and players are encouraged to complete the online clean sport learning modules. Any concerns or queries about the anti-doping status of a specific medication or supplement should be directed to Global Drug Reference Online ([www.globaldro.com](http://www.globaldro.com)).

## **9. Player Recruitment & Poaching**

The Club is committed to ethical and transparent recruitment practices. No individual should approach a player registered with another Basketball England affiliated club with a view to inducing them to change clubs without following the proper transfer procedures set out by Basketball England. Any approach must be made through the Club's authorised officers and in compliance with Basketball England's player transfer rules.

## **10. Possible Sanctions**

Breaches of this Code of Ethics and Conduct will be dealt with under the Club's Disciplinary Code. Sanctions may range from a warning to termination of Club membership or coaching role, depending on the severity of the breach. Serious incidents may also be referred to Basketball England or to the relevant statutory authorities.