

Player Behaviour Policy February 2018

Context:

This policy was formed to support coaches and managers to navigate player behaviour and to set an expectation for players and families within our club to behave in a respectful manner, to encourage positive social norms. We strive to be inclusive of all people, and believe that all players, coaches and managers have the right to feel safe and supported in their role. Consistent behaviour that adversely affects others will not be tolerated.

Consultation:

The policy has been written in consultation with the Mount Martha Basketball Club committee members and is consistent with the Code of Conduct written by Basketball Victoria. You can find a copy of this on our website.

Values statement:

It is expected that all players will strive to be fair and considerate of their teammates, opponents and their officials (coaches, team managers and referees). Players are required to be inclusive of others and embrace diversity amongst all club members and opponents.

Committee response to inappropriate player behaviour

Where a player uses physical, verbal or emotional abuse towards another we suggest that there be immediate consequences for the player. Tantrums are also not acceptable and should be acted upon immediately.

Fair responses:

At training:

1. Make sure that you acknowledge the behaviour. Let the player and the player's parents / guardians (where appropriate) know as soon as possible.
2. Listen first. Find out what happened. Start with a validating statement, "You look (sound/seem) angry".
3. Let them know it is ok to feel angry but it is never ok to hurt someone.

4. Have them sit out and take a moment to calm down.

At a game:

5. Where poor behaviour occurs at a game it is recommended that the player be removed from the court and kept on the bench for the rest of the half or the remainder of the game. A coach should never send an angry player onto the court.

Conclusion:

Sport is a great place to learn positive social norms. The MMBC expects players to be respectful to their teammates opponents and officials at all times on and off the court.

Please note: If poor behaviour continues after the strategies above have been tried, coaches and team managers must contact the committee for assistance. Ultimately player removal will be a last resort but will be implemented where necessary.