



PLAYER BEHAVIOUR CODE OF CONDUCT

Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game and shall:

- Play according to the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball and of the particular game, tournament, or league in which they are participating.
- Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decision without dissent.
- Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.
- Co-operate fully with their coach and teammates remembering that they are participating in a team sport.
- Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:
 - Approaches to referees shall be by the (court) captain and/or head coach only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
 - Court captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner. In matches involving Junior Referees, approaches can only be made to the Senior Referee, Referee Coordinator or Floor Controller. Players shall refrain from:
 - Continually following officials to question decisions.
 - Dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.
 - Making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions and other similar actions of dissent.
 - "mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
 - Using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.

Basketball Manawatu's ZERO Tolerance Policy will be fully enforced for any abusive/aggressive language or personal remarks directed at referees, coaches, players or BM staff.