



# Blackburn Vikings Behavioural Code of Conduct Policy

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## PURPOSE

Blackburn Vikings Basketball Association (BVBA) is to promote, develop and encourage participation in the sport of basketball. This is to be done in a safe and fair environment for all participants, an environment free from discrimination, harassment and abuse.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with [Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct](#)

## SCOPE

The scope of this policy applies to all BVBA Administrators, Coaches, Officials, Parents, Players and Spectators.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

BVBA expects that all members will abide by this policy regardless of the competition they participate in. This is both on and off the court and conduct themselves in alignment with the following:

[Blackburn Vikings Basketball Association Constitution](#)

[Basketball Victoria's Condition of Entry](#)

[Basketball Victoria's Member Protection By-Law](#)

[Basketball Victoria's Working With Child Advice](#)

## OVERVIEW

The information provided below is meant as a guide on the expectations of participants in BVBA sanctioned events. At all times, communication should be respectful. Foul or abusive language, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated. This applies to Administrators, Coaches, Officials, Parents, Players and Spectators.

By following these expectations members will get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball.

- 1. Administrators Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct)
- 2. Coaches Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct & additional information below)

*Coaches Note: There has been a rule change in regard to communication with referees. A coach may only communicate with a referee during a stoppage (after a whistle is blown) and not during play. This communication is to occur in a courteous and respectful manner. Expressing a difference or disagreement over a decision is an acceptable behaviour. Doing so in an abusive manner or by showing dissent or rebellion is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.*



Below is a link with some useful tips for coaches on expected conduct whilst coaching.  
<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/conduct-and-behaviour/tips-for-coaches>

3. **Officials Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct)
4. **Parent Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct & additional information below)

*Parents Note: In junior domestic and representative competitions parents will be required to perform scoring duties during the season. When it is your turn to score, ensure you are 100% focused on the job and remember, scorers are impartial observers of the game. Please do not cheer or call out to your child whilst scoring. Here is a link to an article on parenting from the sideline and the effect it may be having on your child and others involved in the game.*

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/articles/parenting>

5. **Players Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct)
6. **Spectators Code of Conduct** (refer BV Codes of Conduct & additional information below)

*Spectators Note: It is unacceptable behaviour for spectators, whether they be parents, family members, or guests, to approach and communicate with games officials or opposition team members during or after play to dispute or remonstrate incidents that have occurred during the game. If an incident needs to be reported, please discuss with the team coach who can take the appropriate action.*

**Any breach of what is considered acceptable conduct will not be tolerated by BVBA.** Where members have not conducted themselves in accordance with BVBA expectations, sanctions may range from re-education programs, suspension from games and/or official duties and in more serious cases, expulsion from the association.