



## **Berwick Basketball Club Membership Rules**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of these Membership Rules is to:
  - 1.1 Ensure an inclusive sporting environment for players of all ages and skill levels.
  - 1.2 Provide a safe and respectful environment for our members.
  - 1.3 Support the clubs values of “Respect, Good sportsmanship and Enjoyment”.

### **Definition**

2. For the purpose of these Rules, a “Member” shall be defined as:
  - 2.1 A player;
  - 2.2 The parent/s or legal guardian/s of a player;
  - 2.3 Any team official (coach or team manager) who is not otherwise a parent;
  - 2.4 An elected member;
  - 2.5 A Life Member

### **Who these rules apply to**

3. These rules apply to all members of the Club, as defined in Rule 2 above and to any guest of a member attending at games or training sessions.

### **Registration and Fees**

4. All players are required to complete the Club’s registration process prior to the commencement of each season by the due date nominated by the Club. Failure to register by the due date may result in team placement being forfeited at the discretion of the Club.
5. All players are required to pay the prescribed Membership Fees each season, by the due date.
  - 5.1 Membership Fees are due prior to the commencement of the new season, or as notified by the Club;
  - 5.2 A player who fails to pay the required Membership Fees by the due date will be suspended from participating with a team (including training) until such payment is made;
  - 5.3 A player whose registration remains outstanding for two months beyond the due date will be deemed to have resigned membership.
  - 5.4 A player who has outstanding Membership Fees will not be granted a clearance to another club.



6. Teams are responsible for the payment of any forfeit fines. The Club does not accept liability for penalties incurred due to forfeited games.

### **Member Conduct**

7. All members must uphold the Club's values of "Respect, Good Sportsmanship, and Enjoyment":
  - 8.1 Do not abuse players, coaches, referees or other parents from the sidelines;
  - 8.2 Give positive support and encouragement;
  - 8.3 Do not abuse or criticise children during or after a game;
  - 8.4 Under no circumstances should adult members approach any child in a threatening or aggressive manner regardless of any perceived offence committed by the child during the game.
8. All members and their guests are subject to the conditions of the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Parents & Spectators and the Membership Rules and By-Laws of the Berwick Basketball Club at all times. The BV Codes of Conduct and Berwick Basketball Club Rules and By-Laws, which may be updated from time-to-time, can be downloaded from the Club's website:  
<http://berwickbasketballclub.com.au/policies-documents/documents/>
  - 9.1 Breaches of the Code of Conduct or the Club's Rules by any player, coach or parent/spectator may result in a report and Tribunal hearing, and/or disciplinary action taken by the Club in accordance with the Club's Constitution.
  - 9.2 All members are responsible for ensuring the behaviour and conduct of their guests does not breach the Club's rules or the Codes of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in the member facing disciplinary procedures in accordance with the Club's Constitution.
9. Respect our volunteer coaches:
  - 10.1 DO NOT coach children from the sidelines;
  - 10.2 Attend all training sessions;
  - 10.3 Advise the coach if unable to attend;
  - 10.4 Do not sit on the players' bench or otherwise interfere with the progress of the game.
11. Respect the referees. Abuse of referees sets a bad example for our children and may result in a report and Tribunal hearing.
12. Respect your teammates.
13. Respect the opposition players and parents. Do not engage in any altercation with any member of the opposition. Call for assistance from the Stadium Supervisor if there is any dispute.
14. Play by the rules.
15. All members will act with integrity and will not behave in any way that will bring the club into disrepute.



### **Training**

16. Respect our training venues and equipment. Wilful damage will result in disciplinary action.
17. Attend all training sessions. If you are unable to attend training give your coach and/or team manager the courtesy of letting them know.
18. Parents who leave their children at training must return to the training venue prior to the end of the session to collect your child.

### **Communication**

19. From time to time the Club will communicate with members via email and other electronic means. Members must provide the Club with a valid email address for communication and notify any change of email address within 7 days. This can easily be done via the Club's website.
20. All communication between the Club and its members, between team representatives and members, and member-to-member, in whatever form including social media, must be Club-related, appropriate, and not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully another person, or bring the Club into disrepute.

### **Complaints**

21. Concerns or complaints regarding team or player issues should, if possible, first be addressed to the coach and/or team manager.
22. If the matter cannot be resolved within the team or you do not feel comfortable raising the matter with a team representative, refer the matter to the relevant Age-group Coordinator or Vice President who will act in accordance with our Complaints Management Process (see by-laws).
23. Serious complaints including allegations of child abuse, sexual abuse or harassment, racial vilification and other unlawful behaviour will be referred to DBA Child Safety Officer and/or Basketball Victoria's Member Protection Information Officer. All allegations of child sexual abuse will be reported to the Police.

### **Coach and Team Manager Rules**

24. As a team official of a Berwick Basketball Club team you are a representative of the Club and must act in accordance with our rules and our values.
25. The acceptance of a volunteer to a role of coach or team manager is always at the discretion of the Club.
26. In addition to the Membership Rules above, it is expected that you will:
  - 26.1 Uphold the Club's values of Respect, Good Sportsmanship and Enjoyment at all times.



- 26.2 Act with integrity and do not behave in any way that will bring the Club or your own reputation into disrepute.
- 26.3 Respond promptly to enquiries or requests made by your Age-Group Coordinator.
- 26.4 Enforce the Club's fee payment policy and do not allow any player who has outstanding fees to participate with the team.
- 26.5 Have a valid Working with Children card.
- 26.6 Accept new members placed in your team.
- 26.7 Keep in mind that your first priority is for your players to have fun.
- 26.8 Instil the values of team-work and good sportsmanship in your players.
- 26.9 Not yell at your players or belittle them in any way. Remember they are children learning to play. Use positive reinforcement instead.
- 26.10 Remember that basketball is a team sport. Give all players a fair and reasonable amount of court time, encourage players to share the ball and play as a team. Refer to the Team Representative Handbook for guidance on this.
- 26.11 Value each player equally. Domestic basketball is about participation and each team member has something to contribute.
- 26.12 Respect the referees. Abuse of referees sets a bad example for our children and may result in a report and Tribunal hearing.
- 26.13 Respect the opposition players and coaches.
- 26.14 Not attempt to "stack" your team with representative-level players to create a "Super team".
- 26.15 Not "poach" players from other clubs or from other Berwick teams.
- 26.16 Not attempt to introduce new members to your team without first consulting the relevant Age-Group Coordinator.
- 26.17 Keep in mind the age and stage of the children you are coaching and adapt your communication and coaching style accordingly.
- 26.18 Vacate the training court promptly at the end of your session as other teams and organisations also use the courts. Do not over-stay your allotted time.
- 26.19 Observe the Club's Charter for Coaches on Player Development.