



**Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club Inc.**  
**Conduct Expectations for Players, Members and Parents Policy**  
Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

## Purpose

This policy aims to establish clear expectations for the behaviour of players, members, and parents representing the Ballarat Wildcats Club both on and off the court. Upholding a positive image and fostering a supportive environment are essential to our community and its values.

## Scope

This policy applies to all players, members, and parents associated with Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club during all activities, events, and interactions related to the association.

## General Expectations

- **Respect:** Treat all individuals—players, coaches, officials, and spectators—with respect and dignity. Discriminatory or abusive language or behaviour is unacceptable.
- **Sportsmanship:** Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Celebrate successes graciously and accept defeats with dignity.
- **Support:** Encourage and support all players, regardless of their skill level. Avoid negative comments about teammates, opponents, or officials.
- **Representation:** Recognise that your behaviour reflects on the Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club. Conduct yourself in a manner that positively represents our association both on and off the court.

## On-Court Conduct

- **Follow Rules:** Adhere to all game rules and guidelines as established by coaches and referees. Respect their authority and decisions at all times.
- **Team Spirit:** Promote teamwork and collaboration. Encourage teammates and contribute positively to team dynamics.
- **Focus on Development:** Prioritise personal and team development over winning. Focus on learning and improving skills.
- **Refrain from using profane or abusive language.**

## Coaches

- **Lead by example,** demonstrating respectful behaviour and a commitment to fair play.
- **Provide a safe and supportive environment** for all players.
- **Communicate openly and constructively** with players, parents, and officials.
- **Focus on the development of skills and positive experiences** for all participants.



#### Parents and Spectators

- Encourage players and teams in a positive manner.
- Show respect for coaches, officials, and players at all times.
- Avoid negative comments or actions that could undermine the spirit of fair play.
- Promote a family-friendly environment during games and events.

#### Off-Court Conduct

- Community Representation: Act as a role model in the community. Your actions should reflect the values of the Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club, promoting a positive image both in public and online.
- Social Media: Exercise caution with social media use. Avoid posting negative or harmful comments about the Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club, its members, or any associated individuals. Remember that online behaviour can impact the club's reputation.

#### Conflict Resolution

- Addressing Issues: If any conflicts arise, address them respectfully and through appropriate channels (e.g., speaking to a coach or Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club official). Avoid confrontations in public settings or during games.
- Open Communication: Maintain open lines of communication with coaches and officials. Share concerns or feedback constructively and respectfully.

#### Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to adhere to this conduct policy may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Temporary suspension from activities
- Permanent expulsion from the Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club

#### Reporting Violations

Any individual who witnesses or experiences behaviour that violates this Code of Conduct should report it to a Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club official or designated contact person. All reports will be taken seriously and investigated promptly.

#### *Review*

*This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and effective in guiding the actions and behaviours of committee members within the Ballarat Wildcats Basketball Club.*

Effective Date:

Review Date:



Approved by: