



Conduct Guidelines See also **Coaches Players and Parents Manual** .

Within Oblate Basketball, we want children to have fun and develop skills in a safe and **Fair Play** environment where standards of behaviour are just as important as winning. We recognise that competition and winning is an important goal, but winning at all costs does not meet the needs of young players.

Oblate Basketball Club is aware that there are increasing numbers of children leaving sport. A number of the most common reasons given are; that sport was no longer fun, they did not get to compete and overemphasis on winning. Therefore we have to make every effort to ensure that we keep a balanced approach to competition, make sure all players get a chance to compete and strive to keep the fun in junior Basketball.

Young Peoples Responsibility.

Just like coaches and volunteers young people have responsibilities to make the activity fun and safe. This means respecting the coaches and volunteers who are there to help young people by:

- Sticking to the rules of the game.
- Not making insulting comments or swearing at the coach or other helpers and other members of the club.
- Being prepared and on time for sessions/training.
- Doing their best at all times.
- Giving their friends a second chance if they make a mistake.
- Welcoming new members.

- Saying NO to bullying.

Parents and Supporters

Oblate Basketball recognised the significance of parental behaviour and how it can influence young players. Parents should be there to support the running of the club. As supporters they should:

- Help out when asked .
- Be enthusiastic and cheer the young people on but not embarrass them.
- Never argue with the coach or referee in public.
- Drop their young person off and collect them on time .
- Listen to any concerns you may have .
- Make sure the young people have the correct kit/equipment.

Parents and young people should be provided with a copy of Oblate Basketball Club guidelines about their responsibility and expectations (see Players Manual for further details), to sign and return as acknowledgement of their agreement to behave to an agreed standard.

Basketball Sports Leaders

Are there to make sure young people learn skills, enjoy the activity and keep safe. It means you should respect young people and consider their safety by:

- Being reliable.
- Being fair and letting them have their say.
- Making them feel safe.
- Letting them take part.
- Encouraging them.
- Being a good role model.
- Not showing favouritism.
- Never condoning bullying or abusive language.
- If any form of manual/physical support is required, it is provided openly and according to agreed guidelines. (see advice on Physical Contact)
- Work in an open environment.
- Adhere to Basketball Ireland supervision guidelines .
- Keeping a register of those who attend each session.
- Agreeing to safe recruitment procedures (including vetting)
- Making sure that they do not feel uncomfortable.

Coaches and Volunteers must make sure that:

- The activity is FUN.
- They have the right qualification for their role.
- The equipment used is safe .
- You know what you are doing.
- You work to Oblate and Basketball Ireland code of conduct .
- You treat young people as individuals.

You should not:

- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Allow or engage in any form of inappropriate touching.
- Allow children/young people to use foul, sexualised or discriminatory language unchallenged .
- Make sexually suggestive comments to a child/young person, even in fun.
- Reduce a child/young person to tears as a form of control.
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Over-train your players .
- Invite or allow children to stay with you at your home.