# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### LANGWARRIN PARK LAZERS BASKETBALL CLUB

Dear All,

As we begin another season, it is timely to remind you of the Code of Conduct developed by Basketball Victoria and endorsed by the Langwarrin Park Lazers Basketball Club. The code of conduct applies to players, coaches, parents and spectators and is summarized as follows:

## **Players**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person;
- Respect referees and other officials;
- Respect the use of facilities and equipment provided;
- Control your temper
- Be a good sport.

### Coaches

- Remember that basketball is for enjoyment;
- Teach understanding and respect for the rules:
- Instill in your players respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgement;
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents including their coaches;
- Give all players a reasonable amount of court time;
- As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours.

## **Parents & Spectators**

- Set a good example by your own conduct & behaviour;
- Encourage children to always play by the rules;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person;
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability;
- Be positive in your support for players;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials & administrators.

We ask parents not to focus on goal scoring – remember that basketball is a team sport, not an individual pursuit. We recommend positive reinforcement for team play, defence skills, ball handling as well as attempts at scoring.

Also, please be mindful that the majority of referees are teenagers and are not equipped to deal with the frustrations of adult coaches, parents and spectators. Complaints and issues are dealt with officially through the proper channels.

Finally, please consider that we are not only representing our team but also our schools and the Langwarrin community. Bad behaviour smears us all.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact an LBC representative. Have a fantastic season!

Warm regards, Langwarrin Park Lazers Basketball Club