

Section 18 - BASKETBALL'S FAIR PLAY CHARTER

18.1 The National Federation, its clubs, officials, competitors and spectators, are perceived by the public as representatives of the sport, and must always attempt to set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play, especially to the younger generation, by the way they carry out their responsibilities both on and off the court.

18.2 The National Federation

- Will ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by players and officials, and properly enforced.
- Will make every effort to ensure that these rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality.
- Will impress upon players and officials the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in the Organisation and playing of basketball.

18.3 Basketball Players

- Must abide by the rules and the spirit of the game.
- Must accept the decisions of the referees without question or complaint.
- Must never consider cheating, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs.
- Must exercise self control at all times.
- Must learn to accept success, failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional displays.
- Must treat their opponents and teammates with due respect, both on and off the court.

18.4 Basketball Coaches

- Must insist that players understand and abide by the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Must never countenance the use of drugs by players.
- Must never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however, slight, to the long term health or physical development of their players.
- Must not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their players or their opponents.

18.5 Club Officials

- Must respect the regulations and authority of England Basketball and its member organisations, and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations.
- Must recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times.
- Must respect the rights of other clubs and not deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of any other club.
- Must respect the rights of players, coaches and officials and not exploit nor deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of them.
- Must not endeavor to influence the result of a match by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fair play.

18.6 Sponsors and Promoters of England Basketball

- Must not seek to influence unduly or improperly the outcome of basketball competitions by financial inducements.
- Must understand and agree that the administration and organisation of all basketball competitions and events are the exclusive responsibility of the appropriate basketball authorities.