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**To:** All Affiliated Associations

**From:** David Watts  
*Manager - Disciplinary Tribunals, Investigations & Member Protection*

**Cc:** Basketball NSW Staff

**Date:** April 2021

**Re:** Updated Code of Behaviour for Spectators

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All parents, spectators and other participants are expected to meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct at all times during any Basketball NSW sanctioned event:

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach all young people to do the same
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Respect the rights, freedoms, dignity and worth of every other participant regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

**Spectators and other participants must not:**

- Use derogatory language based on gender, race, ability or impairment. (All participants are expected to actively support all efforts to remove all forms of verbal abuse such as sledging or trash-talk from our sporting environment)
- Direct any offensive, hostile or negative comments to any opposition coaches, players, referees or spectators. Any references designed to 'bait' opposition players, coaches, referees or spectators is strictly prohibited

- Make comments or post images of a personally insulting nature about any opposition coaches, referees, players, officials or other BNSW participant, in any public forum (this has particular relevance to all social media sites)
- Take any images of a participant of an offensive, indecent, voyeuristic, or sexual nature (including any images of any genital or breast regions, provocative poses, and any 'upskirt' or 'down blouse' type images)
- Take any images in or near any toilets or change rooms, or any images of any participant getting changed into, or out of, clothing
- Take any images that may be protected by a court order or other legislation (e.g. child custody, AVO's, Wards of the State, witness protection)
- Live stream any junior games

**Spectators and other participants must:**

- Comply with any reasonable direction of a BNSW staff member or other Association staff member with regard to complying with any of these requirements
- Abide by all relevant state and commonwealth legislation
- Abide by all BA & BNSW by-laws, policies, procedures and guidelines

**Basketball NSW (and/or its Constituent Associations) may take further action in accordance with the BA Member Protection Policy, the BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal by-laws or the BNSW Zero Tolerance Policy for any breaches. Non-Members may also be refused entry to ANY future Basketball NSW or Association based events.**

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