



Queens Basketball Club

Players' Code of Conduct

All players representing **Queens Basketball Club** are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the Club's values of **respect, integrity, fairness, and sportsmanship**.

This Code of Conduct applies to **all training sessions, matches, tours, events, and any activity** where a player is representing the Club.

1. Respect and Behaviour

Players must:

- Treat teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, volunteers, parents, and spectators with respect at all times.
 - Accept the authority and decisions of match officials without argument or abuse.
 - Display good sportsmanship, regardless of the outcome of games or decisions made.
 - Refrain from the use of offensive, discriminatory, threatening, or abusive language or behaviour.
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2. Safety and Welfare

Players must:

- Act in a way that ensures their own safety and the safety of others.
- Immediately report any faulty or unsafe equipment, facilities, or playing conditions to a coach or senior club official.
- Follow all Club policies relating to safeguarding, child protection, and welfare.
- Never engage in behaviour that could be considered physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

3. Training, Commitment, and Conduct

Players must:

- Attend training sessions and matches regularly and punctually, or inform a coach in advance if unavailable.
 - Make a genuine effort to participate fully and positively in all training activities.
 - Follow instructions given by coaches and Club officials.
 - Take responsibility for their own conduct and development as a player.
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4. Anti-Bullying and Fair Play

Players must:

- Not engage in bullying, harassment, intimidation, or the exclusion of any individual.
 - Promote an inclusive environment where all players feel welcome and valued.
 - Challenge inappropriate behaviour in a safe and appropriate manner, or report concerns to a coach or Club official.
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5. Club Representation

Players must:

- Remember that their behaviour reflects on Queens Basketball Club at all times.
 - Wear Club kit correctly and with pride when representing the Club.
 - Use social media responsibly and not post content that could bring the Club, teammates, or the sport into disrepute.
 - Not share confidential team or Club matters.
 - Not post images of minors without appropriate consent.
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6. Reporting and Accountability

Players must:

- Report any concerns regarding safety, welfare, misconduct, or breaches of this Code to a coach or senior Club official.
 - Cooperate fully with any investigation carried out by the Club or governing body.
 - Understand that breaches of this Code may result in disciplinary action.
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7. Alignment with Governing Body Standards

Queens Basketball Club operates under the guidance and regulations of **Basketball Northern Ireland**. All players are expected to:

- Adhere to the relevant Codes of Conduct, policies, and regulations set by Basketball Northern Ireland.
- Participate in any appropriate education or training when advised to do so by the Club or governing body.

8. Disciplinary Action

If the Committee of Queens Basketball Club determines that a player has breached this Code of Conduct, consequences may include:

- Verbal or written warning
- Temporary suspension
- Removal from the squad or from matches
- Expulsion from the Club

A minimum of three members of the Queens Basketball Committee will review any reported breach of the Code of Conduct and communicate any sanction within two weeks of becoming aware of the breach.

Any appeal against this sanction must be submitted to the Chair within two weeks of notification.

Players have the right to make representations to the Committee before a final decision is made, except in cases requiring immediate action for safety or welfare reasons.

By being a member of Queens Basketball Club, all players agree to uphold this Code of Conduct and contribute to a safe, respectful, and positive basketball environment.
