



## DURHAM LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

### PLAYERS

Players must:

1. Learn and observe the Laws of the Game.
2. Beat opponents using skill and no unfair means.
3. Never argue with officials.
4. Do not appeal for side-line balls and fouls.
5. Give the ball promptly to officials in side-line situations.
6. Do not use unsportsmanlike behaviour to put off opponents.
7. Keep yourself under control at all times and do not retaliate.
8. Do not over-react when your team scores a basket.
9. Accept victory modestly and defeat graciously, remembering that your club will be judged by your behaviour.

### CLUB MANAGERS/COACHES AND SPECTATORS

Club Managers and Spectators must:

1. Give a warm and generous welcome to both teams.
2. Show your appreciation of good basketball by cheering your team and encouraging the opponents.
3. Never boo anyone, including the officials and never use unsporting behaviour during the game.
4. Do not argue with officials.
5. Always maintain the high standard that the Durham League has earned for its appreciation of good play by both teams.
6. Recognise skill, enthusiasm and sporting behaviour in both teams.
7. Win or lose, appreciate the efforts of all players and officials.

Any abuse of the above code will be dealt with by the League Committee. Abuse may result in a player or club member being awarded a minimum fine of £5.00 and could lead to further disciplinary action by the League Committee.

Any player, official of a club, league official or technical official associated to Durham County Basketball League must remember that comments made via electronic means, including social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc., are open to the public, and as such should not be critical or infer criticism of an official or opponent. Any breach will be considered as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Any other derogatory behaviour by a player, official of a club, league official or technical official will also be considered a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Any appeal regarding a breach of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with as per Rule 40 of the League Rules. Officials are to register any breaches of the Code of Conduct on the back of the scoresheet and contact the League Secretary with the details as soon as possible.