



**MORDY FLYERS**

# **BASKETBALL**

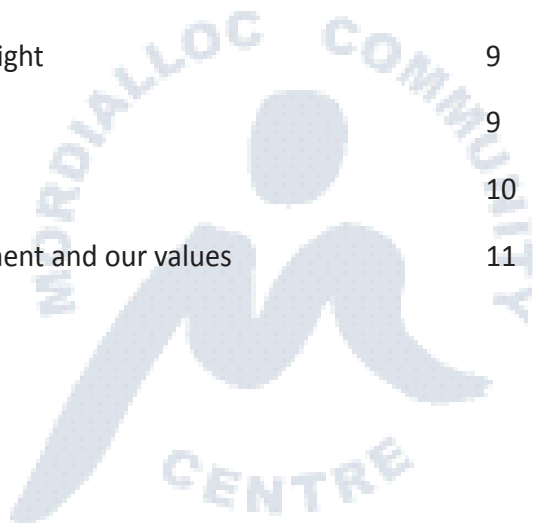
**PROGRAM HANDBOOK**



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# INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Mordy Flyers Basketball Club!

We have teams ranging from under 9's right through to open age. Mordy Flyers is overseen by the Mordialloc Community Centre who are a not for profit organisation governed by a committee of management.

We have an all-inclusive policy and pride ourselves on offering recreational & wellbeing programs.

Our club has a dedicated committee that meets once a month to address the needs and wants of the club.

Peter McKenna, our President has extensive knowledge and experience in co-ordinating and coaching community clubs. Peter is supported by Rebecca Jacobs the Mordialloc Community Centre Basketball Co-ordinator.

Should you need to contact either Peter or Rebecca, or would like to be a member of our Committee please see contact them. (Contact details on page 2)



# COMMUNICATION

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**For general enquiries  
please contact**

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Basketball Co-ordinator**



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Email: [mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au](mailto:mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com.au](https://www.facebook.com.au) > Mordy Flyers

Website: [www.mordyflyersbasketball.com.au](http://www.mordyflyersbasketball.com.au)

If you would like to discuss anything about Mordy Flyers or the progress of your child, please email Rebecca on the email address above.

All communication with parents about teams and events are done via the team app along with emails from coaches and the co-ordinator. Please ensure you read the communication given to you to ensure you are up to date on all club Information. Our centre also releases a newsletter – MCC Connect, once a term which contains information regarding all areas of the centre.

Don't forget to "LIKE" us on facebook for all your up to date information on registration and Community Centre events.



# SELECTION POLICY

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**The aim of the Mordy Flyers Basketball Club is to:**

- **Give all children the opportunity to play Basketball**
- **Give each player an opportunity to develop their Basketball ability and skills**
- **Give all players a positive and enjoyable experience playing a team sport.**

The team selection process involves a Sub-Committee of coaches. Please be aware that changes to teams from season to season are inevitable as players go up in age, abilities are taken into consideration, and new players join the club. The selection process is conducted with the following considerations:

1. Every player who registered on time will be considered in the registration period.
2. Teams will consist of 7 - 8 players.
3. Requests from parents regarding their child will be considered in a confidential manner and only considered via email [Mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au](mailto:Mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au)
4. Consideration will be given as to how best to develop a player, for example; players considered to have a higher level playing ability may be given an opportunity to play in a higher level team if possible.
5. U/9's and U/10's will be given the opportunity to play with friends wherever possible depending on the overall registrations for the age group.
6. Taken into consideration in the U12's to Open Age groups are players skills, so that a reasonable even balance of players is selected to form the strength in the team.

Please be advised that the final grading's for all teams is determined by the Sabres Basketball Association and not by Mordy Flyers. We have no control over the final grading level of the teams. The first 4 weeks of each season are grading games, re-grading of teams where necessary also occurs after this time.

## UNIFORMS

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Reversible singlet and shorts are compulsory uniform. This uniform is to be worn at all training sessions and games. We also have other merchandise available, please email [Mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au](mailto:Mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au). or refer to our website for more details; [www.mordyflyersbasketball.com.au](http://www.mordyflyersbasketball.com.au)

## TRAINING

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Mordy Flyers train at Parkdale Secondary College- 122 Warren Road Parkdale. Mordy Flyers allocated training nights are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 4-9pm. Please be mindful that it is imposible to accommodate ALL players and their prefered training times. Training is allocated on space and the availablity of the Volunteer coach. To ensure the safety and well-being of ALL children, IT IS IMPERATIVE the following procedures are followed:

**Dropping off:** When dropping off a child at the facility the person/s responsible for the child must ensure that the coach is made aware of the child's presence before leaving the facility. Please DO NOT leave your child unattended prior to training commencing, the doors open at 3.55pm and not before.

## HEAT

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All players should attend all fictured competition games regardless of extreme weather. If by chance games are cancelled due to heat the club will advise team managers and coaches who in turn will contact their players. Heat policy can be found of the Sabres website.

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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To help us achieve the best results with all players we ask that you make us aware of any medical conditions which may alter the way in which we coach your child. This information can be written on your child's registration form, or communicated directly with the basketball coordinator. We will then pass on any necessary information to the relevant coach.

## FEES

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Full fees are due upon registration; failing to do this you will be unable to take court for the first game. Fees may change from Season to Season. Should you need any assistance with fees, please call the Mordialloc Community Centre on 9580-3675.

# PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. Understand and play by the rules. Understanding and playing by the rules is your responsibility. The rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in basketball. The lessons to be learned in this respect in basketball are lessons that can and should be carried over into all aspects of your lives. Do not ignore or deliberately break any rules. Even if you think that a Deliberate foul may give your team an advantage, you should not commit the deliberate foul in the interests of fair play. If you do consistently commit deliberate fouls or break the rules you must accept that there will be consequences for you and your team. Do not let yourself or your team down.
2. Respect referees and other officials. Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and you could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, have your coach, captain or manager approach the referee during a break or after the game, in an appropriate manner.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials is a serious offence against the rules of basketball. Verbally abusing other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are also not acceptable or permitted in basketball. Loss of temper is not only unpleasant for other participants in the game, it can also distract you and have an adverse effect on your concentration and effectiveness on the court.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. You owe it to yourself and others involved in your team to train and play to the best of your abilities. Your team's performance will benefit - so will you. If you are half-hearted about your involvement in the sport you will become dissatisfied and lose out on the much of the enjoyment and satisfaction you can derive from giving it your best.
5. Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they be by your team or the other team. Good manners and respect can be infectious. Everyone likes to be praised when they do something well. If you acknowledge the achievements of your opponents it is likely they will follow suit. Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants in the game. Your opponents are entitled to proper courtesy. Always introduce yourself to your opponents on court, congratulate them whether you win or lose and accept a loss gracefully. Remember that the opposition coach is there trying to do the best for their team and is also entitled to respect.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Just because one of your team cannot perform as well as you do does not mean that they are not trying. Everyone makes mistakes. Do not abuse or ridicule another player when a mistake is made. Constructive guidance and encouragement when a player does well will assist a player to improve their game.
7. Play for the "enjoyment of it" and not just to please parents and coaches. Playing sport, including basketball, should be fun. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't take it seriously, just that at the same time you should enjoy it. If you enjoy an activity you will perform much better and derive far more benefit from it than if it is an unpleasant experience. You may experience pressure from your coach and parents and others to perform outside of your capability or desires. Whilst this can be a positive and their way of showing you support in your activities, you should resist it where it no longer is enjoyable.

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT Contd.

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8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person. Regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with basketball are entitled to equal treatment and respect. Avoid any remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory. Sometimes even a joke may give offence. Even if a person refers to themselves with a particular label, it should not be taken as an invitation for you to do so. Using discretion is imperative and it is better to err on the side of caution.
9. Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and a good loser. Disappointment at losing is natural, but it should not be obvious to the point of being unpleasant for others. Just as unpleasant can be the boastful winner. Recognise that even in defeat, the loser has achieved something, just by playing. Not everything in life can be a winning situation. Losing can be an important learning experience for your wider life goals.
10. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games. Your coach has been appointed to coach your team because they have certain abilities and experience. They have also undergone training to ensure that you get the best coach that you can commensurate with your skill levels. Apart from skills training, your coach can provide you with helpful advice on all aspects of playing basketball. Make the most of the opportunity provided to you to work with your coach to have a happy and successful experience in basketball.
11. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided. Facilities and equipment cost money and will only function properly if kept in good order. Ensure that you do not abuse anything provided for use. Do not engage in dangerous practices such as hanging off hoops or “slam dunking”. Quite properly, these practices are banned in most venues. Not only can equipment be damaged but serious injury can occur.

## SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment. People are not playing basketball for the entertainment of spectators nor are many of them professionals. You should be watching basketball for your own enjoyment and to show support for those playing. Help the players to enjoy their game. Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
2. Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform. You would not have a game to enjoy without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Spectators who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, accept it graciously – you cannot change it.
3. Always be positive in your support for players. Never ridicule or shout at a player, particularly a young player for making a mistake during competition. Positive support for players will offer encouragement to them and most likely spur them to better things on the court.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form.



# COACH OFFICIALS AND SUPPORT STAFF

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As a coach, official or support staff member appointed by Basketball Australia (“BA”), or by a member organisation that has adopted the code, you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times.

1. Comply and encourage compliance with BA standards, Constitution, By-Laws (including but not limited to the Anti-Doping and Member Protection By Laws) and policies.
2. Encourage and adhere to the rules and spirit of the sport of basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern BA and the game of basketball and the particular competition in which you are participating.
3. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to athletes, BA and the game of basketball by:
  - (a) Maintaining or improving your current level of accreditation;
  - (b) Seeking continual improvement through performance appraisal and education;
  - (c) Providing a training program which is planned and sequential; and
  - (d) Maintaining relevant records.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest with all players, officials and team members. Ensure that every player’s time spent with you is a positive experience. Treat each player as an individual by:
  - (a) Providing each player with equal attention and opportunities;
  - (b) Respecting the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual player; and
  - (c) Helping each player reach his or her full potential.
5. Do not use your involvement with BA to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of BA.
6. Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment or discrimination, or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination towards others. Be alert to any conduct which may be reasonably regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination that is directed towards athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
7. Ensure that any physical contact with players is appropriate for the situation and necessary for the player’s skill development.
8. Refrain from any intimate relationship or affair with athletes under your care, supervision or tutelage.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years wherever possible.
10. Treat people involved in the game of basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence.

# **Coach and Support Staff Code of Conduct Contd.**

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11. Team coaching staff and management should not remain in team changing rooms unnecessarily. Generally, coaching staff and management should only be required in changing rooms for pre-game or post-game meetings between coaches and athletes, or if attendance is otherwise required by an athlete.
12. Refrain from any conduct which is; might be reasonably regarded as; or is being investigated for potentially being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.
13. Do not denigrate and/or intimidate players, officials, spectators or event organisers.
14. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions or spectator or player conduct.
15. Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products. You must also be responsible for the consumption of alcohol products by athletes in your care that are under the legal age for consumption of such products.
16. Treat another person's property with respect and due consideration of its value.
17. Respect the law and customs of each area you visit in foreign countries.
18. Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of BA or which bring BA or the squad or team into disrepute.
19. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes by:
  - (a) Providing a modified training program where appropriate;
  - (b) Allowing further participation in training and competition only when appropriate;
  - (c) Seeking medical advice when required; and
  - (d) Maintaining the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
20. Provide a safe environment for training and facilities and competition by:
  - (a) Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards; and
  - (b) Ensuring equipment, rules and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
21. Behave and encourage behaviour that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of Basketball Australia.
22. Not engage in, or encourage, any conduct which is unbecoming of a BA representative that brings the game of basketball and/or BA into disrepute or is otherwise harmful to the interests of basketball and/or BA.
23. Be a positive role model for basketball and players. Encourage your player's to demonstrate the qualities outlined in this Code.

# FUNDRAISING

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As a not for profit organisation Mordialloc Community Centre relies on the fundraising efforts of its activity groups to ensure that we can provide accessible programs for all families and members of our community. Fundraising by the Mordy Flyers basketball Club is necessary as fees alone do not cover all associated costs required to maintain the activity. Fundraising helps us to reduce the costs associated with uniforms and equipment as well as providing a contribution to the Mordialloc Community Centre to cover administration costs. It is expected that the Mordy Flyers basketball Club will conduct fundraising activities. All families are asked to support and assist the club in its fundraising efforts.

## Fundraising MCC Policy

Mordialloc Community Centre's guiding fundraising principle is a simple one – we will only use techniques that we would be happy to be used on ourselves.

In doing so, the organisation will adhere to the following standards:

- Fundraising activities carried out by Mordialloc Community Centre Inc will comply with all relevant laws.
- Any communications to the public made in the course of carrying out a fundraising activity shall be truthful and non-deceptive.
- All monies raised via fundraising activities will be for the stated purpose of the appeal and will comply with the organisation's stated mission and purpose.
- All personal information collected by Mordialloc Community Centre Inc is confidential and is not for sale or to be given away or disclosed to any third party without consent.
- Nobody directly or indirectly employed by or volunteering for Mordialloc Community Centre Inc shall accept commissions, bonuses or payments for fundraising activities on behalf of the organisation.
- No general solicitations shall be undertaken by telephone or door-to-door.

# PRESENTATION NIGHT

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Presentation night is held once a year where coaches and players are recognised for their efforts throughout the seasons.

## FEEDBACK

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Here at Mordy Flyers we value and welcome your feedback on improving our club. We take pride in our organisation, and our club has a long standing history with our centre. Please provide feedback to the coordinator [mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au](mailto:mordyflyers@mordicc.org.au) or the Mordialloc Community Centre on [melinda@mordicc.org.au](mailto:melinda@mordicc.org.au).

# FAIR PLAY POLICY

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At Mordy Flyers, we believe that all players deserve to be treated fairly, and have a right to play basketball fairly in every game. Every effort is made to ensure that each player is placed in a team where they can develop their game by contributing to their teams on game day and at training.

Given the dynamic and fast moving nature of basketball, coaches need to adopt different approaches throughout the course of the game. While it is the clubs policy that it leaves playing time to the discretion of coaches, generally, every listed player within a team should play and receive fair court time over the course of a game and season.

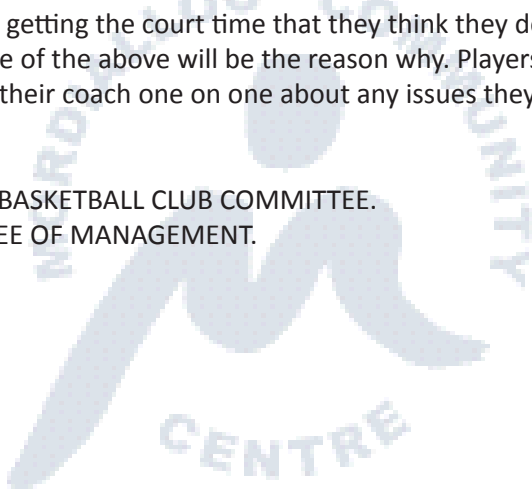
Fair play means that when all players behave appropriately, show up to all training on time, exhibit a good attitude and try their best, then they all deserve to play in every game. Fair play is not the same as equal play, it is not possible for coaches to guarantee equal court time. At any one time, coaches need to think about issues such as:

- Have they got the right mix of players for the offence and defence
- Do players understand team offensive and defensive structures and are they carrying out their roles in game situations
- Have they got the right match- ups in terms of size, speed and tactics

Likewise, there are several other situations that prevent equal play, for example: If a player misses a training session without reason, if a player is injured, if a player displays poor attitude, shows lack of respect to others, uses inappropriate language or actions or uses excessive force.

If a player is not getting the court time that they think they deserve it is likely that one or more of the above will be the reason why. Players are encouraged to talk freely to their coach one on one about any issues they have with court time.

MORDY FLYERS BASKETBALL CLUB COMMITTEE.  
MCC COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.





# Mission Statement

To facilitate and develop opportunities through a range of dynamic activities that sustain healthy lifestyles and social connections for all generations of our community.

# Our Values

Participation, Flexibility, Welcoming,  
Cooperation, Volunteering, Accessibility



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