



London Ramblers Basketball
960 Bradshaw Crescent
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Code of Conduct for House League and Camp

Convenors/Coaches/Volunteers

The primary objective of the London Ramblers Basketball House League and Camp Programs is to provide a positive and constructive environment for children to learn to play and enjoy the sport of basketball. In addition to learning basic basketball skills, it is our intent that participants learn the basic concepts of sportsmanship and fair play.

London Ramblers Basketball is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. Volunteers in the organization should always show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects these guidelines.

Volunteer Conduct: They should arrive promptly to discuss the planned activities with the Program Convenor/Director before the program begins, ensuring adequate supervision. Additionally, volunteers are required to wear the provided Ramblers attire to facilitate identification by parents and participants.

Communication: The Program Convenor/Director will be present at all activities and is there to offer instruction and assistance. Any questions or concerns that volunteers or parents have should be directed to the Program Convenor/Director.

Respect: Regardless of their gender, race, cultural background, religion, or other factor irrelevant to the sport, all individuals are entitled to equal treatment and respect, and all participants should feel welcome when attending activities. Volunteers should avoid making remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory, keeping in mind that sometimes even a joke may give rise to offence. Using discretion is imperative, and it is better to err on the side of caution. Volunteers should refrain from using profane, insulting, or offensive language.

Safe Playing Environment: *All convenors/directors must have an emergency action plan.* Practices should provide a safe, positive, and encouraging atmosphere for all participants. They should be carefully planned, well structured, and varied to provide opportunities for individual and team development. Convenors/coaches/volunteers should check the practice space and ensure the gym is safe to practice in. Because proper supervision is imperative, at least two adults should be present at all practices. This supports the Rule of Two for the safety of athletes and volunteers. Ensuring that there are adults of both sexes in the gym is also strongly advised.



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Injuries/Return to Play: While parents should be contacted as soon as possible where a player is injured or becomes ill, coaches must take responsibility for players who are sick or injured while under their supervision. Where a player is injured on the court, make sure that there is no danger of further aggravation of the injury. Educate yourself so that you can recognize the seriousness of an injury or illness and act accordingly, but do not give medical advice if you are not qualified to do so. Finally, follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured or ill player is ready to return to play and regarding concussions be sure to follow the Rowans law return to play protocols.

Physical Contact: Physical contact between a volunteer and a participant, except for usual social contact like a “high five,” should be rare. Gestures that are well-meaning and acceptable to some may be unacceptable to others. Care must be taken when working with children. Volunteers should ensure that any physical contact with a participant is appropriate to the situation, necessary for skill development, and done in the sight of another adult.

Supervision: *Rule of Two must always be enforced.* Volunteers must always be present with participants to ensure safety and prevent inappropriate situations. Volunteers should avoid being alone with participants. If a private conversation is necessary, it should be conducted in the presence of others, such as another volunteer or the participant’s parent.

Participant Dismissal: The Convenor and volunteer coaches are responsible for ensuring that all participants are picked up before leaving the premises. While children should never be left alone, volunteers should avoid being alone with one or two participants. The Convenor should ask a volunteer coach to stay with them while waiting for the children to be picked up.

Facility Management: London Ramblers Basketball is committed to maintaining good relationships with the facilities we use to run our programs. Facilities, equipment, and their upkeep cost money and must be kept in good order. Volunteers should ensure that neither they nor participants abuse anything provided for their use and that facilities are left in the state they were found.

Role Model: As teachers, motivators, and mentors, coaches are placed in the position of role model. Therefore, it is important to ensure that the influence coaches have on players is positive. What you say and how you act is constantly being assessed by your players. Coaches should refrain from using profane, insulting, or offensive language in their capacity as a coach.

Have fun: Children and young adults play basketball for fun and enjoyment. Coaches often volunteer because of a love the game or wanting to give back to the community. Keep that love growing and enjoy your time in the gym inspiring the next generation!