Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association
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Child Safety Code of Conduct

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1. Purpose

This Child Safety Code of Conduct outlines the expected standards of behaviour for all individuals involved with Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association (BPBA) when interacting with children and young people. The purpose of this Code is to promote a safe, respectful and supportive environment for all participants in BPBA programs and activities.

2. Scope

This Code of Conduct applies to all individuals involved with BPBA, including Board members, employees, coaches, officials, referees, contractors and volunteers.

3. Expected behaviour

- Treat children and young people with respect, dignity and fairness.
- Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children above all other considerations, including sporting performance.
- Act as positive role models for children and young people.
- Maintain appropriate professional boundaries when interacting with children.
- Ensure that interactions with children occur in open and observable environments.
- Use appropriate language and behaviour when communicating with children.
- Follow all BPBA child safety policies, procedures and codes of conduct.
- Report any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child in accordance with BPBA reporting procedures.

4. Unacceptable behaviour

- Engaging in grooming behaviour.
- Using sexualised, discriminatory or inappropriate language with children.
- Being alone with a child out of sight of others, except as allowed in section 5.
- Privately messaging a junior participant, or any private or secret communication with a child.
- Sharing inappropriate images, messages or content with children.
- Showing favouritism or engaging in behaviour that could be perceived as inappropriate or exploitative.

5. One-to-one contact

Adults must avoid being alone with a child out of sight of others. Where one-to-one contact is unavoidable (for example, first aid), it must happen in an open or observable space and be reported to the Child Safety Officer within 24 hours.

6. Online and digital communication

Adults must not privately message a junior participant. Communication must go through team group channels or include the parent or guardian. All communication with junior participants must remain appropriate, transparent and related to basketball activities.

7. Reporting concerns

If a child is in immediate danger, call 000.

Any concerns about inappropriate behaviour or potential breaches of this Code must be reported to the BPBA Child Safety Officer, Tyrene Kane, or the General Manager. Who must report, to whom and when, including the legal obligations that apply to every adult, is set out in the Child Safety Reporting Obligations Procedure.

8. Breaches of this Code

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including removal from BPBA activities, suspension, termination of engagement, or referral to relevant authorities.

9. Acknowledgement

I have read and understood the BPBA Child Safety Code of Conduct and agree to follow it.

Name	
Role	
Signature	
Date	

Version history

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1.0	–	Previous version.
1.1	6 November 2026	One-to-one and online contact standards aligned with Basketball Australia; reporting section points to the Child Safety Reporting Obligations Procedure; signature block added.