

# MORDIALLOC COMMUNITY CENTRE – MORDY FLYERS

## Fair Play Policy

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.