

Coach Guidelines and Requirements:

As a coach or assistant coach with the FRRBA it is important that you conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself and the organization.

Interactions with your players should be encouraging and supportive. Fair play and fun are the primary objectives of the FRRBA.

Interactions with parents, opposing coaches and players, officials etc. should be respectful at all times.

Requirements

Coaches will be required to complete their NCCP “Learn to Train” or “Train to Train” certification. FRRBA will cover the costs of this course and certification for any of our active coaches who need to complete this training. Sessions are offered by BNS at various times and locations throughout the season. Information regarding these courses can be found at the Basketball Nova Scotia website. Teams are not able to register to participate in Provincials unless they have at least one member of the coaching staff who has achieved this certification.

All FRRBA Coaches are required to complete the BNS screening form and provide the FRRBA with a Criminal Background Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and Child Abuse Check. These can be obtained through FRRBA using BackCheck and mail in form submission. These reports should be provided by before practices begin, in the event you are awaiting results, please ensure Club President and the Coaches Coordinator is aware of the status.

Parents and other Volunteers

Head coaches are required to communicate to the Coaches Coordinator and Registrar the names, email, phone number and DOB of all assistant coaches. All assistant coaches will be required to provide background checks.

All teams are required to have a team manager, this can be a parent volunteer. This individual can act as a communication manager and manage team funds in case of teams that collect funds for tournament travel etc. If this person is going to be on the bench or present during practices, they are also required to complete background checks.

All female teams and Little Rebels are required to have at least one adult female in the gym and on the bench. This person is required to submit background checks and can be the head coach, assistant coach, manager or if required, a parent observer.

Practices

Coaches shall insure that there are always two approved coaches in the gym at all times for practices. In the event you are unable to have two approved coaches in the gym, you must notify the Coaching Coordinator so they can find a second coach. If a second coach cannot attend, the Coaching Coordinator can approve a parent to be present or cancel the scheduled practice.

FRRBA understands that coaching basketball may require some physical contact while demonstrating drills and running those drills. However, coaches must be careful to ensure that there is no inappropriate any physical contact with players.

Conduct During Travel to Away Tournaments

Coaches shall stay in their own hotel/motel room and no players other than their own child shall stay in the coach's hotel/motel room.

Coaches shall always ensure that another adult is in any hotel/motel room where the players are gathered. That is to say that any gathering of players in a hotel room that includes a coach should always include another coach or parent (i.e. team meetings etc.).

During the course of away tournaments players may have time between games where they may enjoy recreational activities as a group. Coaches should insure that parents are available during these times to assist in monitoring the players and take responsibility for their children. Coaches should not feel as though they have to act as babysitters/monitors during these down times.

Teams that participate in tournaments are representing the FRRBA and shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves and the organization.

General Coaching Conduct:

All verbal communication with players must be appropriate for a coach/player relationship. Absolutely no swearing or derogatory language is to be used.

Each year, at the end of the season, a coaching feedback form will be completed by players and/or parents. Information from these forms will be maintained on file and can be used for future selection activities.

Where a complaint is logged against a coach by a player, parent, other coach or league official; the Coaching Coordinator will follow the FRRBA complaint resolution process.

FRRBA maintains the right to remove any member of the coaching staff from their position in the case of conduct deemed inappropriate by the Board of the FRRBA.