# **General Principles**

A Head Coach in the Nepean Blue Devils Basketball Association is responsible for his or her team's season, including practices, skill development, physical fitness, offence, defence, and game management.

#### **Responsibilities and Duties**

- Run/attend try-outs or sort-outs to evaluate players.
- For competitive-program head coaches, select players to team rosters.
- Plan and run practices.
- Teach and develop player skills and fundamentals.
- Teach and implement team offensive and defensive systems.
- Lead by example.
- Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship.
- Treat players fairly and with respect.
- Provide encouragement and positive feedback.
- Communicate with players and parents.
- Accept questions and suggestions.
- Emphasize the importance of teamwork.
- Teach the rules of basketball and respect for the game.
- Prepare for and coach in games.
- Final authority on whether an injured player can return to play.
- Allocate playing time, fairly.
- Respect officials and other coaches.
- Maintain team and player conduct and discipline.
- Adhere to the NBBA Coaches Code of Conduct.
- Make basketball enjoyable.

## **Knowledge and Skills Required**

- Basketball knowledge and experience.
- Leadership, teaching, feedback, motivational and communications skills.
- Commitment and dedication.
- Well organized.

#### **Requirements**

- Police records check.
- Minimum certification as needed.



## **Responsible To**

A Head Coach is responsible to the Nepean Blue Devils Vice President who oversees the program in which the team participates.

