

2024
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INVITATIONAL
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PURPOSE

The Gold Coast Invitational Tournament is run annually by Hillcrest Christian College.

The following policy and procedures have been developed in consultation with the Gold Coast Invitational tournament committee. This document has been developed to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment is created for all participants.

1. OFFICIAL RULES

- 1.1 Games will be played according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2022 (valid as of 1st October 2022) unless otherwise specified in this document. These rules can be found on the FIBA website:
<https://www.fiba.basketball/documents/official-basketballrules/current.pdf>

2. DECISIONS WHEN THESE RULES ARE SILENT OR UNCLEAR

- 2.1 If these rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to the GCI, the Competition Manager may make a decision about how the matter is to be dealt with.
- 2.2 If these rules are not silent on a matter arising in relation to the GCI but they are uncertain, the Competition Manager may make a decision about how the uncertainty is to be resolved.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Team Nominations
- A maximum of twelve (12) players may be listed on the online registration form.
 - All teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players and players must be submitted on the online registration form no later than the 10th June 2024
- 3.2 Team Nomination Fees
- Each team must pay a nomination fee (advised by the GCI committee at the time of nomination) by the due date, no refunds will given once the registration date has closed.
- 3.3 Players
- All Players must be enrolled in the school that the team nomination has been received from. (Exemptions may be given for CoE athletes returning to their original schools).
 - All players must provide proof of enrolment and proof of birth with each team nomination.
 - Players cannot play for more than one team in the same division.
 - To be eligible for an age group, 15 years (U15's) or under as of the 31st of December of the year the competition is held.
 - Players are able to play in U15's and Open divisions as long as they are registered with both teams at the start of the tournament

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- All players participating in the tournament must have completed the online registration form by the due date, no players may be added after the first game under any circumstances.

3.4 Ineligible Players

3.4.1 Definition of Ineligible Player:

An ineligible player is one who:

- Is not enrolled at the nominated school
- Is over the age for the competition (Refer to rule 5.5 under Player Eligibility)
- Any player manually added to courtside after the first game

3.4.2 If there is any breach to the above rules all games that the player in question participated in, will result in a forfeit

3.4.3 If this breach is detected after the finals and the team in question won a medal, this team will, forfeit their medals and all the teams that competed at the Tournament that finished in positions below the disqualified team will move up one place.

3.5 Penalties for Playing Ineligible Players

If a team plays an ineligible player:

3.5.1 The team will forfeit all games that the player participated in.

3.6 Team Officials

All team Officials and Team Managers must agree to comply by the rules and regulations of the tournament.

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4.1 Uniforms

4.1.1 All teams are to be correctly attired. Uniforms are to be numbered 0,00 and any number between 1 - 99 in accordance with the Official FIBA Basketball Rules. Games may be forfeited for incorrect dress.

4.1.2 An alternate set of playing singlets must be on hand if required and the two colours must be distinctly light and dark. The same playing numbers are to be allocated to players in both strips.

4.1.3 In the event of two teams having the same or similar coloured primary uniforms, the first named team on the draw (Team A) must wear their primary uniform and the second named team (Team B) must wear their alternate uniform. However, if the two teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts. The Referees will have the final say as to whether there is a clash of uniforms.

4.1.4 Each team is required to carry at least one (1) spare playing singlet and shorts in case a uniform is spoilt by blood. The spare uniform is to be of a different number to those already listed on scoresheet

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4.1.5 No t-shirts/full body compression gear are to be worn under uniforms unless a medical certificate or other extenuating circumstances are submitted to the GCI Competition Manager prior to the tournament and are approved. If permission is given, t-shirt/compression must be of the same single colour as the playing singlet. This decision is final and not subject to appeal.

4.1.6 Singlets must be tucked in at all times.

4.2 Playing Equipment

Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

The following are not permitted:

- Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
- Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
- Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.

The following are permitted:

- Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.
- Compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts.
- Compression stockings of the same dominant colour as the shorts. If for the upper leg it must end above the knee; if for the lower leg it must end below the knee
- Knee braces if they are properly covered.
- Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.
- Mouth guard of any colour
- Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
- Power Band - only permitted on wrist if covered by tape and only on ankle if worn under the sock.
- Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber.
- Non-coloured transparent taping of arms, shoulder, legs etc.

4.3 Injured Players

If during the course of the tournament a player receives an injury and the Sports Med has noted that they should not continue playing in the tournament, but the player wishes to continue, the player must first obtain a doctor's certificate stating they can play and present this to the GCI Tournament Controller before being permitted to take the court. If the injured player is unable to obtain a doctor's certificate due to there being insufficient time between games to attend a Doctors Surgery or there is no Doctors Surgery open due to the timing or day of the game, however wishes to continue playing, written approval from a parent or legal guardian must be provided to the GCI Tournament Controller.

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4.4. Game Timing Rules (Open Boys, Open Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls - All Divisions)

- 4 x 8 minute fully timed quarters - includes Shot Clock
- Two time outs may be granted to each team during the first half (1st & 2nd periods) and three time outs during the second half (3rd & 4th periods).
- If a team still have 3 time outs remaining in the last 2 minutes of the 4th period, 1 timeout will be cancelled leaving 2 remaining.
- In the event of a tied score at the end of a game, extra time periods of 3 minutes will be played until a result is obtained.
- Two minute breaks between each quarter with five minutes for half time.
- A 1 minute break between regular time and extra periods of 3 minutes will be taken.
- During extra time each team is allowed 1 time out during each period.
- Where time permits there will be a 5 minutes warm up, 5 minutes half time break, 2 minutes between quarters. Where games are running late warm up may be 3 minutes, half time may be 3 minutes and the period between quarters may be 1 minute at the discretion of the Court Supervisor.

4.5 Bench Allocation

4.5.1 For all games, the first team named (home team) shall have the team bench on the left side of the scorer's table, facing the playing court.

4.5.2 Teams are to warm up in the half of the court in which their opponent's basket is situated (i.e. the basket they are shooting in for the upcoming period).

4.6 Basketballs

4.6.1 Size 6 Basketballs are to be used for all female age groups

4.6.2 Size 7 Basketballs are to be used in Under 15 boys and Open boys groups.

4.6.3 All teams are responsible for supplying one game ball

4.7 Technical Fouls

4.7.1 Players

Technical fouls for use of foul language or derogatory remarks directed towards officials, where a referee believes an ejection is not warranted, shall result in the player being substituted from the game and sitting five minutes of playing time on the Team Bench, irrespective of score, number of players on the court or remaining time in the game.

4.7.2 When the Official calls the technical foul, he/she is also to look at the clock and quote the time remaining, so the score table officials can note it on the score sheet. E.g. 7.41 1st quarter, and the player can then re-enter the game at 2.41 or after (via substitution through the bench).

4.7.3 Players are banned from dunking or hanging from the rings in warm up. Referees will immediately issue a technical foul to any player who dunks or hangs off rings and the supports during warm ups. No warnings will be given.

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4.8 Classification of Teams

Standings for the major rounds will be determined primarily on the number of competition points earned.

Win: 3 points

Loss: 1 point

Forfeit: -2 points

4.8.1 If there are two (2) teams that finish equal on points after the pool stage, then only the result(s) of the game(s) between the two (2) teams involved will be used to determine standings.

4.8.2 If more than two (2) teams are equal in the placing, a second classification will be established taking into account only the games played between the tied teams with GOAL PERCENTAGE to be used to determine the placings. This is decided by:

Points for/ Points against = Goal Percentage

4.8.3 If after the second classification there are two (2) or more teams still tied (i.e. identical goal percentage), the result(s) of game(s) from all the pool games involving the tied teams will be used to determine the final placings by calculating GOAL PERCENTAGE using the results of all pool games.

This is decided by:

Points for/ Points against = Goal Percentage

Note: In some formats games results from initial pools may be carried over to new pools and will be included in the classification of teams in the new pool.

4.9 Score table

4.9.1 Each team must supply 2 competent score table officials for each of their games.

4.9.2 The 24 second clock is compulsory for all competitions (it is not optional and must be used)

4.9.3 The score table should consist of a person for courtside scoring, the game clock (scoreboard), 24 second operator and chairperson. Should a disagreement arise over allocated duties the home team (Team A) will be responsible for the game clock/Shot Clock and the visiting team Scoresheet/Chairperson duties.

4.9.4 If a team cannot provide a score table official the Manager and/or Coach of the team will be required to fill the position. If they are unwilling or unable to fill these positions, and the team is therefore unable to provide the required score table, the game will be classified a forfeit by the team unable to provide the bench official/s.

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4.10. Defaults and Forfeits

4.10.1 Late Starts

A late start shall incur a TWO POINT per minute penalty until a forfeit is declared (end of the first quarter). The game clock will start at the scheduled start time with the team that is there ready to play being given two points per minute. If the opposing team arrives in the first quarter period the game will be played from that moment (i.e. the game clock will not be reset). On the courtside scoring ipad all late start points are to be allocated to the captain of the team.

4.10.2 Forfeits

Games will be considered a forfeit when any of the following occur and will result in the game being awarded to the opponents with a score of 20-0 and the forfeiting team receiving -2 points (minus two)

- The team plays an ineligible player
- The team does not have five players ready to play by the end of the first quarter of the scheduled game time as outlined above.
- The team walks off the court and refuses to finish the game at any stage of the match

4.10.3 Two or More Forfeits

- Any team that gives two or more forfeits during the competition may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the GCI Event committee

4.10.4 Defaults

- A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the team has fewer than two (2) players on the playing court ready to play (i.e. remaining team members have all been fouled out). If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game was stopped. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as two to zero (2 to 0) in its favour. The defaulting team shall receive one (1) point in the classification. In the Stadium Scoring system If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead all default points are to be allocated to the captain of the team.

4.11 Disputes & Decisions:

- All disputes and competition decisions will be heard and decided upon by the GCI Tournament Controller, the GCI Referee Supervisor and the Hillcrest Christian College Basketball Officer. Their decision will be final.

4.12 Game Procedure:

4.12.1 Correctable Errors

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Officials may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently disregarded in the following situations:

- Awarding an unmerited free throw/s
- Failure to award a merited free throw/s
- Erroneous awarding or cancelling of a point/s
- Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw/s

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To be correctable the above-mentioned errors must be recognised by the officials, Referee Supervisor, or the Scoretable officials before the ball becomes live following the first dead ball after the game clock has started following the error.

An official may stop the game immediately upon recognition of a correctable error, as long as neither team is placed at a disadvantage. Any fouls committed, points scored, time used and additional activity which may have occurred after the error has and before its recognition, shall not be nullified.

After the correction of the error, unless otherwise stated in the rules, the game shall be resumed at the point it was stopped to correct the error. The ball shall be awarded to the team entitled to the ball at the time the game was stopped for the correction.

If a Coach believes that during this period in the game, they have been adversely affected by a decision made by an official, referee or umpire, the following action may be taken:

- When the incident occurs, the coach shall approach the Scoretable and inform the chairperson to advise the official that there is a correctable error situation. The chairperson of the Scoretable shall make his or her observations to the referees. The referee may discuss the matter with the Coach to explain his/her decision or, if necessary, examine the Stadium Scoring file and check the score and the playing time. At the discretion of the referee and based on the validity of the stoppage, the error may be corrected.
- If by the completion of the game the team still believes its interests were adversely affected by the decision of the official/referee/umpire, the coach with the captain of the team shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his/her team is protesting against the result of the game and the captain should report to the court controller immediately.

4.12.2 Lodging the Protest:

All disputes or protests must be lodged with the GCI Tournament Controller. To make the protest valid, the Team Manager must give confirmation of the protest in writing. This must be made within twenty

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(20) minutes following the end of the game. Detailed explanations are not necessary. It is sufficient to write:

- 'The X team protests against the result of the game between the teams' X and Y'. An application fee of \$50.00 shall be submitted with any protest, which may be refunded if proven justified. After the protest has been submitted, the GCI Tournament Controller can seek further details from the Team Manager regarding the protest.
- The referee shall, within the hour following the end of the game, report the incident which led to the protest, to the GCI Tournament Controller

4.12.3 Protest Outcome:

All disputes and competition decisions will be heard and decided upon by the GCI Tournament Controller, the GCI Referee Supervisor and the Hillcrest Christian College Basketball Officer. Their decision will be final.

- Please note teams that protest must be prepared to replay the game at times outside of the normal times of play (i.e. 6:00am or 9:30pm). This may be due to venues being at capacity or to ensure teams have a break either before or after their next scheduled game.

4.13 Team Withdrawal

4.13.1 Any team that withdraws of its own choice once the team nominations have been received by Hillcrest Christian College they will forfeit all nomination fees.

5. ORGANISATION OF THE DRAW

5.1 Format:

- 5.1.1 Shall be based on the number of teams nominating in any Division.
- 5.1.2 As part of nominating for the GCI Tournament teams accept the chosen format and acknowledge that they must play under this format with no option to challenge it.
- 5.1.3 All teams must be available to play between the hours of 8.00am and 10.00pm daily.
- 5.1.4 Wherever possible each team will be scheduled to play two (2) games each day with a minimum one (1) game break between games.
- 5.1.5 Draw formats will be available 14 days prior to the commencement of the tournament.

5.2 Scoring

- 5.2.1 Courtside scoring (ipads) will be used for all tournament games
- 5.2.2 Each team is allowed a maximum of 12 players on their team which will be listed on courtside . A team must have a minimum of 4 players to start a game.

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5.3 Medical:

5.3.1 The GCI Tournament organisers will supply a Sports Medicine Accredited Level 1 sports trainer on duty at all times during the tournament.

5.3.2 If a player is seriously injured and cannot continue in the game, an injury report form is to be completed. The original is to be given to the team manager and a copy must be provided to the GCI Tournament Controller

5.3.3 Details of emergency doctors, physiotherapists and pharmacies are included in the information provided to teams pre-tournament.

5.3.4 The Sports Med team will have limited access to ice during competition. Ice will only be provided to athletes injured in games after being assessed by the attending Medic and not for the management of existing injuries or post-game recovery. Ice is a treatment and every request must be assessed and be accompanied by an injury report form.

5.5 Results:

5.5.1 Daily results will be on display at the venue of the competition, on the Gold Coast Basketball fixtures/Results page and posted in the Facebook page at the end of each day

5.6 Medal Presentation

5.6.1 Medal presentation will take place at a designated area advised during the tournament immediately following the final of each division

5.7 Photography:

5.7.1 All spectators taking photos or video must sign the Photo/Video Register at the Tournament Office upon entering the stadium. The spectator must be accompanied by a Team Official who is to sign and approve any person taking photos of players in their team.

5.7.2 After signing in at the register the spectator will receive a pass which must be displayed for tournament staff to see.

6.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All participants and attendees at the 2024 GCI Tournament are bound by the GCI Tournament Conditions of Entry displayed at the venue.

Upon entering the venue anyone that is found to be breaching a code of conduct, the Zero Tolerance Policy or any condition of entry they may be removed from the stadium by event staff.

7.0 ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, GCI Tournament organisers have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour by parents and spectators.

The Policy will ensure that:

7.1 There will be a zero-tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators

7.2 Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:

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- Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
- Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and Scoretable personnel
- Berate or abuse team officials
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
- Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Tournament Controller will be asked to leave the host venue immediately by a member of the Tournament Committee. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

7.3 In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Tournament organisers and officials if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and inform a referee supervisor of what has occurred, and that supervisor is to report it to the Tournament Controller who will remove the parent or spectator.

7.4 If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour, they may stop the game and ask the Referee Supervisor to get a member of the Tournament Organisers to observe and monitor the spectator. The GCI Tournament Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator.

8.0 CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

GCI Tournament organisers manage all codes of conduct

8.1 Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

8.2 Coaches

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

8.3 Officials

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.

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- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

8.4 Administrators:

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

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8.5 Parents:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

8.6 Spectators:

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from each team.
- Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature

8.7 General:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service.

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- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to the values of Hillcrest Christian College, and the standards, rules, regulations and policies of the GCI competition.
- Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines which govern basketball in Australia
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the sport of basketball, Hillcrest Christian College, your family or yourself into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the basketball activities.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.