

# **London Ramblers Basketball**

## **General Policies**

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*London Ramblers Basketball is an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the healthy development of youth in sport. We are a volunteer-staffed organization whose primary goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which participants can develop basketball skills as well as experience in a positive manner the social benefits of team play.*

*London Ramblers Basketball is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. Individuals in the organization should at all times show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the guidelines and codes of conduct of the organization.*

#### **1. Police checks**

Because we hold the safety of all children in the highest regard, all competitive coaches, program convenors, and house league volunteers who are 18 years of age or older must complete a voluntary police check before participating in their first scheduled game, activity, or practice.

#### **2. Codes of Conduct**

All competitive coaches and program convenors are required to read, sign, and agree to abide by the code of conduct applicable to their position.

#### **3. Assignment of Competitive Coaches**

Competitive coaches are assigned with reference to the age and skill-level of the teams in the organization and the skill and expertise of the available coaches. Coaching assignments are re-visited every season, keeping in mind that players should benefit from the training and advice of a number of coaches during their competitive careers. While family members may be assigned competitive coaching positions with the approval of the Ramblers organization, it is preferable to have non-family members coaching competitive teams.

#### **4. Coaching Certification for Competitive Coaches**

Competitive coaches are required to be NCCP certified. They also must be members of the Ontario Basketball Association (OBA) and adhere to the OBA's Guideline for Behaviour for Coaches. Violations of the OBA guidelines are dealt with under Basketball Ontario's Discipline Policy.

## 5. Requests to 'Play Up'

Generally speaking, players are expected to play in their own age division. Exceptions to this rule can be made **only** by the Board of Directors of London Ramblers Basketball. Competitive players who would like to try out in an older age division must receive the permission of the Board of Directors to do so **before tryouts commence**.