



TE PUKE HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL CODE HANDBOOK

Guiding Excellence, Sportsmanship & Community Pathways

WELCOME, PURPOSE & GUIDING VALUES

At Te Puke High School (TPHS), sport is an integral vehicle for developing our rangatahi (youth) holistically. We hold a proud history of regional, national, and international sporting achievement. Whether playing competitively or socially, all student-athletes, coaches, and parents are guided by our school's core values and Sport New Zealand's *Balance is Better* philosophy, which emphasises multi-sport participation and delaying early specialisation.

CORE SCHOOL VALUES (NGĀ UARA)

Respect (Whakawhanaungatanga): Showing honour to opponents, officials, rules, and spectators on and off the court.

Responsibility (Takohanga): Demonstrating self-management, punctuality, high attendance, and personal accountability.

Relationships (Whanaungatanga): Fostering positive connections between staff, student-athletes, coaches, and whānau.

Resilience (Manawaroa): Building mental toughness, physical conditioning, perseverance, and strong sportsmanship.

Realising Potential (Whakapakari): Striving for continuous skill development, personal excellence, and growth (Plus Ultra).

KEY PERSONNEL & CONTACT DETAILS

TEACHER IN CHARGE (TIC) OF BASKETBALL Julie Adamson julie.adamson@tepuke.school.nz	DIRECTOR OF SPORT Martin Ash martin.ash@tepuke.school.nz
SPORTS COORDINATOR Ben Hopkins ben.hopkins@tepuke.school.nz	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / LITT FUND Jocelyn Reardon jocelyn.reardon@tepuke.school.nz

PROGRAMME PATHWAYS & DEVELOPMENT

TPHS provides clear development pathways for basketball players ranging from junior social participation to elite regional and national tournament pathways.

TIER / COMPETITION LEVEL	SCOPE & TARGET COMPETITIONS	FOCUS & EXPECTATIONS
Senior Premier / Senior A	Tauranga Secondary Schools, BOPSS, Regional/National Tournaments	High performance, tactical mastery, fitness, merit-based selection, and a results-driven focus.
Junior Premier / Junior A	Tauranga Secondary Schools, BOPSS Junior Tournament	High performance, tactical mastery, fitness, merit-based selection, and a results-driven focus.
Development & Junior Teams	Local Tauranga & Regional BOPSS fixtures	Skill progression, positional rotation, tactical awareness, and equal play (minimum half game per fixture).
Social Teams	Local secondary school leagues	Participation, community connection, fun, and playing with friends.
Student Officiating & Coaching	Pre-season workshops & regional fixtures	Developing student coaches and qualified student referees to officiate matches.

CODES OF CONDUCT & EXPECTATIONS

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Academic & Behavioural Eligibility:** Players must maintain an 80% minimum school attendance record and exhibit positive classroom behaviour to remain eligible.
- **Commitment:** Attend all scheduled trainings and matches. Communicate any unavoidable absences to coaches well in advance.
- **Substance Policy:** Strict adherence to TPHS rules regarding alcohol, vaping, and banned substances at all times.
- **Fair Play:** Show respect to all officials and opponents. Swearing, foul language, or abuse towards teammates, opponents, or referees will not be tolerated.

SPECTATOR & WHĀNAU CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Positive Sideline Culture:** Cheer positively; remember that school sport is played for the enjoyment and development of the students.
- **Respect Officials:** Never argue with, harass, or verbally abuse referees, scoretable personnel, or coaches.
- **Zero Tolerance:** Physical or severe verbal altercations will result in immediate removal from the court area and a ban from future matches.

TEAM SELECTION & TRIALS

TRIAL PROCEDURES & TRANSPARENCY

- **Notice:** Trial dates, expectations, and criteria are publicly announced at least 2 weeks prior.
- **Multiple Windows:** Players participate in a minimum of two trial sessions.
- **Assessment Panel:** Evaluations are conducted by the Head Coach, TIC, and independent evaluators to eliminate bias.
- **Sign-Off:** Premier rosters are strictly provisional until reviewed and signed off by both the TIC and Director of Sport.

SELECTION PROTOCOLS & RULES

- **First / Premier Teams:** Selection is based purely on merit at the coach's discretion to achieve the best possible performance outcomes.
- **Junior & Development Teams:** Coaches are mandated to give every player fair game time (a minimum of half a game per fixture).
- **Senior Premier Roster Criteria:** Junior students may trial; however, if a junior and senior player demonstrate equal skill and capability, preference and selection will be awarded to the senior student.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Selectors or coaches with family ties (e.g., parents or relatives) to a trialist must declare the relationship and recuse themselves from scoring that athlete. Independent selectors will score the athlete, and any tie-breakers rest solely with the TIC and Director of Sport.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

TPHS enforces a strict, staged procedure for addressing team selection enquiries or sideline complaints:

STAGE 1: THE 24-HOUR RULE

Parents, carers, and students must wait 24 hours after team announcements or match completions before lodging a complaint or requesting feedback. Immediate sideline or post-trial confrontations are strictly prohibited.

STAGE 2: INFORMAL RESOLUTION (TIC LEVEL)

Contact TIC Julie Adamson via email to consult with the coaching staff and arrange a meeting to provide constructive feedback and developmental steps.

STAGE 3: FORMAL COMPLAINT (DIRECTOR OF SPORT)

If unresolved or procedural unfairness persists, submit a written complaint to Director of Sport Martin Ash. The Director will review scoring rubrics, interview independent selectors, and provide a formal written resolution within 5 school days.

LOGISTICS, UNIFORMS & HEALTH SERVICES

- **Fees & Financial Assistance:** Fees vary based on competition entries, venue hire, and transport. All fees must be paid prior to the start of the season.
Bank Account: 12-3217-0084683-02 | **Reference:** [Student Name/ID & Basketball]
- **Financial Aid:** Confidential financial assistance is available via the A. Lionel Litt Memorial Education Fund by emailing jocelyn.reardon@tepuke.school.nz.
- **Uniforms & Equipment:** Playing uniforms are issued directly from the TPHS Sports Office by Sports Coordinator Ben Hopkins. Custom team gear (hoodies, bags) must be ordered through Legend Sportswear via the Sports Department—unauthorised use of school logos is strictly prohibited.
- **Health, Safety & On-Site Physio:** Free ACC physiotherapy operated by Boutique Physiotherapy is available Mondays and Fridays (8:00 AM–12:00 PM). Parent consent forms and injury registration forms must be submitted at school reception prior to booking.
- **Police Vetting:** All adult volunteers, managers, and coaches involved in regular duties or overnight trips must complete a police background check.