



Code of Conduct

Player's Code

1. *Treat all teammates, coaches, opponents and officials as you yourself would like to be treated – with respect. Without them you don't have a game.*
2. *Play for the "fun of it" - not to please your parents or coach. Win or lose, try to enjoy every moment on the court.*
3. *Play by the rules.*
4. *Never argue with the official's decisions. Let your coach ask any necessary questions.*
5. *Play with emotion but never lose control of it - no "mouthing off", throwing balls or other equipment.*
6. *Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.*
7. *Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays, whether they are yours, your team's or your opponent's.*
8. *Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Don't be a show-off or always try to get the most points or fouls.*
9. *Be patient with your teammates as they improve their game, just as they will be patient with you. Basketball is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team works and plays well together.*
10. *Listen to your coach. Coaches volunteer their time to work with your team. Don't waste that time.*
11. *Attend all practices and games that you are able to attend. If you cannot attend have the courtesy to contact your coach to let them know.*



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Coach's Code

1. *Treat your players, their parents and officials in the way that you want to be treated. No yelling, no sarcasm and no embarrassing anyone in front of others. To gain respect, you must first give respect.*
2. *Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.*
3. *Avoid focusing only on the talented players. Make the team experience good for all players by letting everyone contribute. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved.*
4. *Help your players master basketball basics. Wins and losses come and go, but you only get one chance to develop player's fundamental skills. Don't waste the opportunity.*
5. *Be patient. Your players are going to make mistakes (missed shots, crucial turnovers, needless fouls, etc). Your players need the freedom to make mistakes; it is your job to help them learn from those mistakes.*
6. *Have a positive rapport with officials and opposing coaches. Never bully or intimidate them. Ask questions if you need to, seek clarification if warranted. Always set the right tone for your team by never arguing a call or disparaging an official or coach.*
7. *Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on rules, sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.*
8. *Be responsible in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.*
9. *Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.*
10. *Talk to your player's parents. Explain your philosophy. Encourage parents to talk to you if they have a particular concern about their child.*



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Official's Code

1. *Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of the players.*
2. *Use common sense to ensure that the "spirit of the game" for children is not lost by overcalling the game.*
3. *Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the court your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.*
4. *Compliment both teams on their good plays whenever such praise is deserved.*
5. *Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.*
6. *Condemn the deliberate "good foul" as being unsportsmanlike, thus retaining respect for fair play.*
7. *Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.*
8. *Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.*

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Parent's Code

1. *Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.*
2. *Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.*
3. *Treat coaches, parents, officials and players the same way that you want you and your child to be treated. Set an example by showing respect, dignity and sportsmanship at all times.*
4. *Encourage your child always to play by the rules.*
5. *Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment. Avoid post-game analysis.*
6. *Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
7. *Show your support by attending all the games that you can. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team. Never boo, taunt or scream at players, coaches or officials.*
8. *Do not publicly question the officials' judgment and never their honesty.*
9. *Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child. If you have a concern, talk to the coach, but do it in private. Never make a scene; it is embarrassing for your child and the coach.*
10. *Make every effort to have your child at practices and games on time. If they cannot attend or will be late be courteous enough to notify the coach to let them know.*



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Spectator's Code

1. *Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are not miniature pro athletes.*
2. *Be on your best behaviour. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches or officials.*
3. *Applaud good plays by your own team and the visiting team.*
4. *Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no games.*
5. *Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.*
6. *Condemn the use of violence in all forms.*
7. *Respect the official's decisions.*
8. *Encourage players always to play according to the rules.*