

Junior Oly Basketball Code of Conduct

Purpose:

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote a positive, respectful, and encouraging environment where young athletes can develop their basketball skills, foster teamwork, and build character. This applies to all players, coaches, and parents/guardians participating in Junior Oly Basketball. It is important to remember that basketball is FUN!

For Players

1. Respect Your Teammates, Coaches, Referees, and Opponents:
 - a. Treat all players, coaches, referees, and opponents with respect, regardless of the game's outcome.
 - b. Refrain from negative comments, trash talk, or inappropriate gestures.
2. Play Fair and With Integrity:
 - a. Follow all rules of the game and listen to your coach's instructions.
 - b. Avoid unsportsmanlike conduct such as taunting or intentionally breaking the rules.
3. Be a Good Teammate:
 - a. Encourage your teammates, especially when they make mistakes.
 - b. Support your team whether you are playing on the court or cheering from the bench.
4. Show Good Sportsmanship:
 - a. Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with opponents and thank the referees after every game.
 - b. Avoid blaming others for losses or taking sole credit for victories.
5. Commit to Your Team:
 - a. Attend practices and games regularly. If you cannot attend, communicate with your coach in advance.
 - b. Work hard and give your best effort in both practices and games.
6. Take Care of Equipment and Facilities:
 - a. Respect the league's equipment and facilities. Clean up after yourself and take care of uniforms and gear.

For Coaches

1. Be a Positive Role Model: Demonstrate sportsmanship, respect, and integrity both on and off the court.
 - a. Lead by example, showing players how to handle both success and failure.

2. Prioritize Player Development Over Winning:
 - a. Focus on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship, rather than just the scoreboard.
 - b. Encourage all players to participate and contribute, regardless of skill level.
3. Encourage a Respectful and Safe Environment:
 - a. Create a team culture of mutual respect where players feel safe to learn and grow.
 - b. Never engage in or tolerate bullying, hazing, or inappropriate language or behavior.
4. Communicate Clearly and Fairly:
 - a. Provide constructive feedback and recognize player efforts, not just achievements.
 - b. Set clear expectations for practices, games, and behavior, and follow through consistently.
5. Be Respectful to Referees:
 - a. Accept referees' decisions without argument and model respectful behavior, even in disagreement.
 - b. If you have concerns about officiating, raise them through the appropriate channels after the game.
6. Respect the Parents' Role:
 - a. Keep open lines of communication with parents regarding their child's progress and any concerns.
 - b. Be understanding and supportive of players' commitments outside of basketball.

For Parents/Guardians

1. Support Your Child and the Team:
 - a. Encourage your child to give their best effort and to enjoy playing the game.
 - b. Praise their sportsmanship, improvement, and team contribution rather than focusing on winning.
2. Show Respect for All Participants:
 - a. Cheer for all players and show respect for coaches, referees, scoreboard operators, tournament personnel, and opponents.
 - b. Avoid coaching from the sidelines. Leave the instruction to the team's coach.
3. Be a Positive Spectator:
 - a. Keep all comments positive and refrain from yelling at referees, coaches, or other players.
 - b. Do not engage in arguments or confrontations with other spectators.
4. Encourage Sportsmanship and Teamwork:
 - a. Reinforce the values of respect, teamwork, and fair play at home and in the stands.
 - b. Teach your child to respect their coach's decisions and the efforts of their teammates.

5. Communicate Respectfully:
 - a. If you have concerns or questions, address them calmly and privately with the coach after the game or practice.
 - b. Model good communication and problem-solving skills for your child.

6. Respect Time Commitments:
 - a. Ensure your child attends practices and games on time and is prepared with the necessary gear.
 - b. Inform the coach ahead of time if your child cannot attend a practice or game.

Consequences for Violations

Junior Oly Basketball expects all players, coaches, and parents to adhere to this Code of Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to:

- Warnings
- Suspension from practices or games
- Removal from the league (in severe or repeated cases)

By signing below, you agree to uphold the principles outlined in this Code of Conduct and understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary actions.

Player's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Coach's Signature (if applicable): _____