

THE CODE OF CONDUCT - PARENTS & PLAYERS

TYB expects all players, coaches, parents, and spectators to conduct themselves according to the highest principles of sportsmanship and fair play. The following Code of Conduct is the standard of behavior that is expected of everyone associated with Tenafly Youth Basketball. It is in effect at all practices, games, and any other Team functions. If the Team is attending a function lasting more than one day, such as a tournament, this Code remains in effect at all times during the stay.

The undersigned player/parent participating in Tenafly Youth Basketball agrees to abide by the standards of conduct outlined below and any additional guidelines established by the TYB Board or Travel Committee that will be presented at Team meetings.

All parents, players and spectators will adhere to all rules and regulations and will refrain from illegal and inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the Team or be detrimental to its performance objectives. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

PLAYERS:

- Players play basketball to have fun, to learn and develop a passion for the game, as well as to improve their skills.
- Players have a responsibility to their teammates, coach, and TYB. They are representatives of TYB, as well as the Team, coach, parents, and the community.
- Players must maintain a high level of sportsmanship and fair play at all times. They will treat opponents with respect. They will win without boasting, lose without excuses, and never quit.
- Players must have respect for their coach and scorekeepers, as well as for the authority of the referees and scorekeepers.
- Players are expected to be on time and prepared for games and training/practice sessions.
- Players shall train and play to the best of their ability, always have a positive attitude, and encourage their Teammates to do the same.
- During practices/training sessions, all players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that enables and promotes a learning atmosphere for everyone there. Abusive language and behavior, or disrespectful acts toward teammates or coaches, will not be tolerated.
- Insubordination to members of the coaching staff or others will not be permitted.

- Players are required to wear the approved TYB uniform during all games. Players are expected to take pride in their appearance when representing their Team and the TYB. Uniforms must be clean. Jerseys must be tucked in any time the player is in public view.
- At games and training/practices, Team members must stay with the Team until dismissed by the coach.
- Acts of misconduct determined by the coaching staff to be in conflict with the mission, goals, and policies of TYB will result in disciplinary action.
- Players will play within the league rules of the game and the spirit of the game.
- Players will display self-control in all situations and will not use foul or abusive language at any time before, during, or after a game or training/practice session.
- Players will show respect towards the referees as well as towards the opponents. They will not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason at any time.
- Players are to make sure that they clean-up their playing area after games and training/practices sessions, picking up all plastic bottles, papers, orange peels, etc.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS:

- Parents/Spectators must set the example for the children by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Parents/Spectators participate in a game by watching, cheering, and supporting the efforts of all participants of the game. Basketball must be Fun. The game is for the children; their participation and enjoyment of the game is the most important element.
- Parents/Spectators should focus on player's mastering of basketball skills, not on the win/loss record. Every effort should be made to decrease the emphasis and pressure to win. Avoid the use of fear: love of basketball is rarely fostered by fear of the consequences of failure.
- Parents/Spectators should be mindful that basketball's primary value is to allow our children the opportunity for physical and mental development as well as teaching an individual to work as a team player.
- Parents have responsibilities to the coach, Team, and TYB that they are a part of.
- Parents/Spectators must have respect for their coach. They should never criticize a coach in a public manner. Do not coach from the sideline; let the coach do his/her job no matter how much you may disagree. If there is a problem, talk directly to the coach by following the Parent/Coach Communication Plan or even the TYB Presidents. Supportive parents communicate with the coach thereby creating a positive working relationship.

- Parents/Spectators are expected to have respect for the authority of the referees. They will not harass, abuse, or berate the referees during or after the game. They shall not enter the court without the referee's permission.
- Parents/Spectators are expected to have respect for all players. Cheer in a positive manner, not negative. Encourage your Team; do not berate the other team. Cheer in a way to reward the good play of both teams and promote fair play.
- Parents are welcome to observe practices/training sessions. However, they must refrain from entering the court or approaching the coach while the practice/training session is in progress.
- Parents are expected to be on time to pick-up players from practice/training sessions as the coach or manager is required to remain until the last child is picked up.
- Parents/Spectators are never to use foul or abusive language towards anyone for any reason.
- Parents/Spectators have a responsibility to learn the league rules of the game and the spirit of the game.
- Parents/Spectators are encouraged to get involved with TYB and to help promote the game in a positive way.
- Parents/Spectators must at all times demonstrate the utmost in sportsmanship and integrity; they are the role models for their children. Should TYB learn that this Code of Conduct has been violated, TYB reserves the right to discipline the player, parent, or spectator in an appropriate manner.

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