



P.L.A.Y. Basketball League
Participate & Learn at the YMCA
CODE OF CONDUCT – Coaches, Spectators, Officials & Players

The purpose of the YMCA PLAY League is to learn the game of basketball, to develop basic fundamental skills, the importance of teamwork and learn about healthy competition. The YMCA provides a safe environment for the kids to participate and compete without judgment, to understand winning and losing and to develop strong character values that they will use for the rest of their lives. The YMCA's Four Character Values are: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, by reinforcing good character values, the YMCA is shaping, instilling and reinforcing Christian values that schools, churches, corporations and communities can build on.

- **CARING:** to demonstrate a sincere concern for others, for their needs and well-being. Related values: compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and kindness.
- **HONESTY:** to tell the truth, to demonstrate reliability and trustworthiness through actions that are in keeping with my stated positions and beliefs. Related values: integrity and fairness.
- **RESPECT:** to treat others as I would want them to treat me, to value the worth of every person, including myself. Related values: acceptance, empathy, self-respect and tolerance.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** to do what is right--what I ought to do, to be accountable for my choices of behavior and actions and my promises. Related values: commitment, courage, good health, service and citizenship.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct shall govern the actions of players, coaches, officials and spectators. The code of conduct is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. *The code of conduct will not address every possible circumstance however it shall serve as the YMCA's standard for evaluation.*

COACHES

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the YMCA's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, and the four character values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree as follows:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of the players.
- Coaches will do their best to provide the players with a positive experience.
- Coaches will focus on coaching their own players –We ask that you please do not point out to the officials everything that the kids on the other teams are doing – but focus on each teaching moment for your players.
- Coaches will ensure that, in winning and losing, teams will exhibit respect and good sportsmanship to opposing teams, players, spectators and all others.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and officials with respect.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will NOT ridicule or demean players, other coaches, officials, parents, spectators or anyone else.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well being of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league staff and officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established by the YMCA, school representatives and coaches.
- Coaches will teach the game of basketball to the best of their ability.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any YMCA event and/or on any YMCA premises.

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COACHES (cont'd)

- 🚫 Coaches will not use tobacco products or vape at any YMCA event and/or on YMCA premises.
- 🚫 Coaches shall not...
 - 🚫 Use abusive or profane language or gestures.
 - 🚫 Taunt or humiliate any other spectator, coach, league staff official or player.
 - 🚫 Question an official's call.
 - 🚫 Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any YMCA equipment or property.

***Please note – not adhering to the above may result in removal from the facility and/or remainder of the league.**

PARENTS & SPECTATORS

The parent and spectator shall support the players, coaches, officials and league staff. Parents and spectators shall not "coach" or "officiate." Parents and spectators agree as follows:

- 🚫 Parents & Spectators will be positive role models.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will display and instill in all players, the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of the players.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials, league staff and spectators.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will not ridicule or demean.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will inform the coach of any disability of ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will treat all players, coaches, league staff and officials fairly and with respect.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will comply with the decisions of the officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established by the YMCA, school representatives and coaches.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, coaches or officials.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators will be drug and alcohol free on any YMCA premises.
- 🚫 Parent and Spectators will not use tobacco products or vape on YMCA premises.
- 🚫 Parents and Spectators shall not...
 - 🚫 Use abusive or profane language or gestures.
 - 🚫 Taunt or humiliate any other spectator, coach, league staff official or player.
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PLAYERS

Players shall...

- 🚫 Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- 🚫 Follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- 🚫 Respect all coaches, players, spectators, league staff and officials.
- 🚫 Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all scheduled games.

Players shall not...

- 🚫 Use abusive or profane language or gestures.
- 🚫 Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- 🚫 Question an official's call.
- 🚫 Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any YMCA equipment or property.

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Coaches Name/ Please Print

Coaches Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date

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