

Code of Conduct

AYL Basketball

(2009-2010)

In order for our basketball program to teach and communicate good sportsmanship and provide a positive message for our youth it is imperative that coaches and spectators adhere to strict behavior policies. Our boys and girls look to us to provide a positive, healthy and fun environment in which to compete. To accomplish this environment, it is critical to give players a good and positive playing venue.

The goal of the AYL basketball program is to provide this positive and healthy competitive environment for our children and eliminate unruly behavior by coaches and spectators.

Required behavior for Coaches/Parents/Spectators:

- 1) Display good sportsmanship at all times.
- 2) Provide positive comments for good play and effort.
- 3) Encourage players to be good winners and accept losses with good sportsmanship.

Prohibited behavior for Coaches/Parents/Spectators:

- 1) Any Un-sportsman like comments or behavior.
- 2) Any harassing of referees.
- 3) Any harassing of opposing coaches or spectators.
- 4) Any harassing of volunteer score and clock keepers.
- 5) Any use of profanity.
- 6) Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 7) Any physical and/or verbal threats to anyone in attendance.
- 8) Any direct OR indirect criticism of opposing players.

All head and assistant coaches are responsible for enforcing these AYL Basketball Code of Conduct rules. In order to help the coaches, all AYL basketball officials have been advised not to interact with spectators. Rather, when a violation of conduct occurs, the referees officiating the game will call a time-out, direct the coaches to address their respective spectators causing the problem and give a warning to that team. A second violation of conduct by those spectators will result in the coach being assessed a technical foul according to the AYL Basketball Rules. If a third conduct violation occurs by these spectators, the result will be a second technical foul and the coach (and violating spectator) being ejected from the game. The violating spectator and coach will also be suspended from the next scheduled regular season or playoff game. If this type of behavior takes place in a subsequent game, the result will be the suspension of the coach for the remaining regular season games and any playoff games. The above suspension rules will hold true for any coach who receives a technical foul because of his/her behavior towards the game referees.

Bottom line – All head and assistant coaches are responsible for enforcing the AYL Basketball Code of Conduct rules with his/her players, parents and spectators.

Should a situation occur where a Referee does not display a command of the game rules, or they themselves display inappropriate behavior, as a coach, you should report this to your club coordinator/AYL Delegate. In turn, your Club Delegate will review the matter with the Director of Referees and appropriate action will be taken.

Any display of un-sportsmanlike behavior on behalf of a player will also result in a technical foul. A second technical will result in the player's removal from the game - and suspended from their next scheduled game. Any player receiving two technical fouls in a future game will be disqualified from all future regular season and playoff games.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she:

- 1) has read and understands this Code of Conduct document,
- 2) agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct, and
- 3) agrees to distribute and discuss this Code of Conduct to all of his/her team's coaches, players and parents.

(please print) Name

Signature

Club Name / Grade / Color

Date

Email 1

Email 2

Head Coach Name

ANYONE WISHING TO COACH IN AYL BASKETBALL IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGING THEY UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A COACH.