

# **CAYBBA Code Of Conduct: Players, Guardians and Coaches**

Every player, parent, coach, and Board member must read and sign a Code of Conduct. Forms are distributed via the online registration process and are also available on the Association website.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in a warning, suspension from participation for a definite or indefinite time, removal from a coaching position, or removal from the Association.

## **Player's Code of Conduct**

I recognize that as an athlete in the community, I must conduct myself both on and off the playing court in a way, which exhibits respect for others and myself. I, therefore, resolve to conduct myself with dignity as an athlete and as a citizen of the community, recognizing and accepting that I:

1. Must accept accountability for my behavior and its outcomes.
2. Must Honor My Obligations And Promises.
3. Must Exercise Self-control.
4. Must be willing to be fair with others in dealings on and off the court.
5. Must take pride in my accomplishments, and myself but never at the expense of demeaning another person or group.
6. Must respect the efforts of others.
7. Must respect authority including officials, coaches, and parents.
8. Must be a good sport and acknowledge all good performances including my teammates and my opponents.
9. Must treat all fellow teammates and opponents, as I would like to be treated.
10. Must abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
11. Must cooperate with coaches, officials, teammates, and opponents, for without them I would not have an opportunity to participate in traveling basketball.

Furthermore,

- I will maintain a positive attitude during all CAYBBA events, practices and games.
- I will be punctual and ready at the time that I am required to be present for all practices, games and events.
- I will be a team player and encourage my teammates at all times.
- I will follow the directions of my coaches.
- I will respect my teammates and coaches.
- I will accept the authority of my coach.
- I promise to respect and not criticize opposing players, coaches or teams.
- I promise to respect and not criticize or raise my voice to officials.
- I promise that I will not use foul or degrading language while playing for CAYBBA.
- I promise that I will not engage in any fighting or flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct during any practice or games.
- I will accept victory AND defeat with dignity.
- I understand that playing time is not guaranteed and that players will earn more playing time based on effort and attitude at practices and games.

Disrespect is defined as the lack of regard and/or deliberate impolite actions and/or language.

1. I will not disrespect the coach or display disruptive behavior during practice sessions or I will sit out the remainder of practice and depending on severity, playing time could be reduced.
2. I will show respect towards the referee or I will be substituted immediately and playing time could be reduced.
3. I will show leadership and act respectfully towards the referee, and if my actions result in a technical or flagrant foul, I will be immediately benched.
4. I will display positive behavior to the Home and Opposing coaching staff or I will be immediately substituted and playing time could be reduced.
5. I will conduct myself in appropriate "off the court" activities in between games at a tournament, at a hotel or restaurant with the team or on social media. "Social media" is defined as the catch-all term that is applied broadly to computer-mediated communication media such as email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs).

I will not:

- post any material that is offensive, harassing, discriminatory, embarrassing, intimidating, sexually explicit, bullying, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate,
- post or share any content that includes insulting, obscene, offensive, provocative or hateful language,
- post or share any content, which if said in person during the playing of the game would result in a breach of the rules of the game, and posting or sharing material that discredits CAYBBA, its affiliates, its sport, its officials, members or sponsors and/or lowers the reputation of that person or organization in the eyes of the ordinary members of the public.
- take photos of somebody without consent.

Infractions, managed by the coaches and documented with the Board of Directors, may result in suspension from practices and/or tournaments. Subsequent infractions may result in the expulsion from CAYBBA, based on a Board of Directors evaluation.

## **PARENT / GUARDIAN Code of Conduct**

Youth sports programs such as CAYBBA, play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is essential for parents, coaches and officials to willingly and enthusiastically promote youth athletes to be good sports. Adults should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self control.

I will remember that I am GRATEFUL for my child, my child's volunteer coaches and their teammates before I act, speak or judge. I will be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

- I will engage in sportsmanlike conduct, none of which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendees and will ensure my child does the same.
- I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability and ensure my child does the same.
- I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee and ensure my child does the same.
- I will be in control of my actions. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee and ensure my child does the same.
- I will use social media ("Social media" is defined as the catch-all term that is applied broadly to computer-mediated communication media such as email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including social media such as Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs). to promote CAYBBA, the coaches, the players and any affiliate of CAYBBA. I will not take photos of somebody without consent, post any material that is offensive, harassing, discriminatory, embarrassing, intimidating, sexually explicit, bullying, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate, post or share any content that includes insulting, obscene, offensive, provocative or hateful language, post or share any content, which if said in person during the playing of the game would result in a breach of the rules of the game, or post or share material that lowers the reputation of CAYBBA, its affiliates, its sport, its officials, members or sponsors in the eyes of the ordinary members of the public. This includes but is not limited to taking photos of somebody without consent, posting any material that is offensive, harassing, discriminatory, embarrassing, intimidating, sexually explicit, bullying, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate, posting or sharing any content that includes insulting, obscene, offensive, provocative or hateful language, posting or sharing any content, which if said in person during the playing of the game would result in a breach of the rules of the game, and posting or sharing material that brings, or risks bringing CAYBBA, its affiliates, its sport, its officials, members or sponsors into disrepute and/or lower the reputation of that person or organization in the eyes of the ordinary members of the public.

I agree that if I fail to conduct myself in this manner while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a CAYBBA event, or event in which CAYBBA participates, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the CAYBBA board, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- Verbal warning issued by CAYBBA.
- Written warning issued by CAYBBA.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by CAYBBA.
- Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by CAYBBA.
- Season suspension for you and your child issued by CAYBBA from all CAYBBA events and activities.

## **COACH Code of Conduct**

CAYBBA is committed to providing fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. Basketball should be friendly, unifying and fun for all those involved.

To meet these responsibilities, the coach is expected to:

1. Know the rules of the sport and abide by them. Instruct team members in the rules of the game and motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
2. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
3. Ensure that the fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites. Assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators and players during the games.
4. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
5. Teach each player, through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
6. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating.
7. Treat each athlete as an individual and help him to reach full potential.
8. Let athletes know the benefits of sports and encourage them to participate in sports throughout their lives.
9. Provide a safe environment. Check that equipment and facilities are safe.
10. Keep up with the latest coaching techniques and seek continual improvement.

Note: CAYBBA leadership is here to help. If you have questions and or looking for support, please contact the Travel Director and/or the Director of Player / Coach development for assistance in practices, strategies, etc.

11. Avoid any form of harassment towards your athletes. This includes harassment on gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, economic status, and disability.
12. Support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
13. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.

Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you focus on players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development, and if you support the officials, players and their parents will notice. Conversely, if your example allows players to focus on trivial matters in the bigger picture, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the officials harshly, your players and their parents will also notice.

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