

# Marshfield Youth Basketball

## Zero Tolerance Policy

In order to provide an atmosphere conducive to developing the skills and knowledge of basketball, all of the participants in the MYB program shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Coaches, players and spectators are not permitted to harass the referee. Such conduct undermines the referee's authority and can create a hostile environment for everyone attending the game. No one other than the head coach is to address the referee during the game (head coaches are also responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, players and spectators).

### Head coaches are not allowed to:

1. Use profanity when talking to their players or parents.
2. Harass the referee. (They should wait until half time or the end of the game or use a timeout to discuss the situation with the referee).

### Players are not allowed to:

1. Use profanity during games or practice.
2. Address the referee. (On questionable calls the head coach decides whether to discuss with the referee following the suggested guidelines set above.)

### Spectators are not allowed to:

1. Use profanity when talking to the players or coaches
2. Address the coach during the game.
3. Address the referee during or after the game.
4. Coach from the sidelines.
5. Make derogatory comments about the coaching staff or players on the team or opposing team during or after the game. (Remember that the coach's spouse, parents, siblings and children may be in the stands directly behind you. The other players on the team also have parents, grandparents and siblings seated in the stands. This makes it very uncomfortable for everyone to enjoy the game which is the main reason that we are all there.).

Any violation of the above mentioned items shall result in a warning being issued by the referee or head coach. The league coordinator shall be notified of the incident and the incident shall be recorded by the league secretary. If a second warning is issued to any coach, player or spectator by a referee, head coach, or league coordinator for that league, the MYB board shall be notified. The individual who has been issued the second warning will be asked to leave the gym and will not be allowed to attend any more practices or games. Once a person has been ejected from the gym they will not be allowed back in the gym. If they enter the gym and refuse to leave the team may be forced to forfeit their game or the police will have to be called to escort that person out of the gym. This zero tolerance policy is designed to ensure that all of the people attending a basketball game leave the gym with a positive experience.

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Coach's name

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Coach's signature

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