

## **Marshfield Youth Basketball, Inc.**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play, and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, referees and spectators, the Marshfield Youth Basketball, Inc. (MYB) has established this Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of all MYB participants: players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all participants. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as MYB's standard for behavioral evaluation.

The Code is applicable to both the Travel and In-town basketball programs. All program participants are obligated to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all MYB -sponsored activities.

#### **THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Players, parents, spectators and volunteers shall unconditionally support MYB'S commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, integrity, loyalty, and respect for authority. In order to adhere to these principles:

Players agree to...

- Be sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of their teammates and opponents.
- Respect all coaches, players, league officials, referees and spectators.
- Obey all rules and regulations outlined in the Code at all MYB-sponsored events, which include but are not limited to, games, practices, fundraisers, tournaments, and league play.
- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.

- For players in the Travel Program, understand that they have been granted a roster spot on the basis of a competitive tryout (thereby taking a position that others may have wanted) and make a full commitment to be present at, and prepared for, all practices, games, tournaments, and other events.
- Notify the coaching staff in advance of scheduling conflicts and absences due to sickness, illness or injury.
- Follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- Follow team policy as established by the coaching staff.
- Treat all public property/facilities (home and away) with respect and clean-up after themselves.
- Represent MYB and the town of Marshfield with pride, dignity, and good sportsmanship.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any MYB athletic event.

Players shall not...

- Question a call or decision made by any referee, official, or coach.
- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any player, either teammate or opponent.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any MYB or league equipment or property.

Parents, spectators, and volunteers agree to...

- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests, health and well-being of the players.
- Be positive role models.
- Display and instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Be respectful of the coach's authority.
- Treat all players, coaches and referees fairly and with proper respect.
- Make certain that their children show respect for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by MYB.
- Inform the coaching staff of any injury, disability, or ailment that may affect the safety of their child or other participants.
- Provide for the timely drop-off and pick-up of players at practices, games and other MYB events.

- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any MYB athletic event.

Parents, spectators, and volunteers shall not...

- “Coach” or “officiate” from the sidelines.
- Question a referee’s call.
- Engage in any behavior (e.g., shouting-out in anger, using profane or mocking language, making physical gestures, etc.) which could be considered unsportsmanlike, confrontational, threatening, or demeaning to any player, referee, coach, spectator, or league official.

## CONSEQUENCES

The Board of Directors of MYB unconditionally supports the principles and behavioral guidelines established in this Code of Conduct, and violations will be strictly enforced. Any person violating the Code of Conduct may be subject to administrative action by the MYB. Disciplinary actions shall be appropriate to the circumstances and nature of the violation(s) and may include, but are not limited to, a reduction in player playing time and/or the termination of the violator’s privilege to participate in, or attend, any MYB-sponsored activity.

All violations of this Code of Conduct shall be addressed on an individual basis and in accordance with a procedure established by the MYB Board of Directors. Violations shall be addressed in a fair and timely manner. Disciplinary actions for failure to comply with the Code of Conduct are at the sole discretion of the MYB Board of Directors and the decisions are within the sole discretion of the Board of directors of MYB.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/We agree to abide by the MYB Code of Conduct.