



YBA Code of Conduct/Expectations

Commitments that we (Coaching Staff) make to Parents/Players:

- We will start and end practices on time (barring emergencies or facility issues), we will be prepared for practices, and give our all (exactly what we ask of the kids).
- We will treat you and your children with respect at all times.
- We will correct performance that needs to be corrected, and praise both effort and successes.
- We will answer your questions about your child honestly, and to the best of our ability.
- We will model good sportsmanship and team values.
- We will ask your kids to be disciplined and focused. We'll ask them to work hard, and to battle through adversity. But we won't lose sight of the fact that basketball should be fun.

Coaches' Expectations of Players:

- Take your commitment to the team seriously: Show up, play hard, support each other, and commit to improving your game.
- Stay on top of your school work so you can come to practice and games. **Never be confused—school work comes first!**
- Arrive at practices **at least** 10 minutes before practice starts and be **ready to play**—mentally and physically. Once practice begins, we expect you to listen, hustle, and focus. We'll have fun at practice, but at this level, distracting behavior, poor attitudes, or poor effort are not acceptable. They hurt the team, they keep you from improving your game, and they will cost you playing time!
- **Understand the importance of practice.** We will only be as good in games as we are in practice—sloppy in practice, sloppy in games.
- Be open to feedback from your coaches. We know it is hard to hear that you aren't doing something right. But if we don't tell you when you are doing something incorrectly, we aren't helping you.
- Support your teammates. Cheer them up when they are having a tough practice. Give them a high five when they do something well. As part of a team, we don't make fun of teammates when they fail, and we don't get down on them when things aren't going well. We will improve and win **TOGETHER**.
- **Take personal responsibility for improving your game.** If you want to play better or you want more playing time, ask the coach what you need to improve on to reach that goal. Then work hard in practice, *and outside of practice*.
- If you are going to miss practice, remind your parents to let your coaches know ahead of time.



Coaches' expectations of Parents:

- Make it a priority to get your kids to practice and games on time. If for any reason, your child will be late or miss a practice or game, let us know as soon as possible. Excessive missed practice time and/or late arrivals will impact your child's development and their playing time. Help us teach the kids about the responsibility associated with making a commitment to a team.
- If you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with your child, our coaching, or the team let us know (email is best). Give us the opportunity to respond directly to your concern or question. Always approach the coaching staff professionally when you are emotional wait for the next day. If you or your kid's behavior is unacceptable we will follow the guidelines set forth in the YBA handbook regarding discipline. When we have concerns regarding your child, we'll commit to bringing them to your attention in a timely fashion as well. Open communication between parents and coaches is critical.
- When you come to games, cheer for **all** the kids, not just yours. **Please keep your comments positive.** We'll be correcting kids on the issues we see, and often the most effective time to do that is **not** in the middle of a game. Praise their efforts and achievements. There is nothing more important to our kids than "atta-boys" from parents.
- Beyond the fundamentals, please don't try to coach your child—let us do this. Well-intentioned parents often inadvertently give their kids guidance that conflicts with what their coaches are telling them. If you have questions about what your child could do better or differently just ask us (email is best for this). Nothing is harder for kids than getting one set of instructions from their coach and another from their parent. **If you are coaching your child during a game, and I feel it is distracting him or others on the team, I will pull him out of the game. Unfortunately, while tough on the kid, this is the only way I can deal with the situation during a game.**
- Let the coaching staff deal with the officials. We will not let the kids EVER blame referees for anything. When you do that, you give up control. We believe that good basketball will win games—even poorly officiated games. We can't control the referees—we *can* control our own performance, effort and attitude. (Kinda like life, huh?) Help us out by not letting the kids blame losses on bad officiating.

Again, we are really looking forward to a great season with the kids, and encourage you to stay involved in the process. If there is ever any question or concern, please don't hesitate to email or call. **Please review the Expectations of Players with your child, and discuss them.** Also please review the Expectations of Parents. Once you've done this, please sign the form below and have your son sign as well. We'll collect these at practice, and will need them back prior to participation in any games. Thanks!

We have reviewed and understand the expectations for Players and Parents.

Date:

Parent Name

Player Name

Parent Signature

Player signature