



## **Gladiator Basketball Association**

### **Code of conduct**

Being a participant of the Gladiator Basketball Association (GBA) is a privilege, not a right. Associated with this privilege are responsibilities of personal conduct. Players, coaches, referees, visitors, and family members are expected to show sportsmanship, fair play, and encouragement. The GBA has adopted the following "code of conduct" which must be realized for a well-functioning league and promote an example of fair play and sportsmanship to its players. When you sign your child up to play in the GBA, you are also signing up to be responsible for their actions and the actions of their supporters and yourself.

The GBA has granted full authority to coaches, referees, and tournament officials to exclude persons from the gym for actions detrimental to the game, and those who participate in and around those games. By signing below, the person recognizes they will be accountable for their own actions and behaviors as well as their family and friends.

"I hereby pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child / player participating in GBA Youth Basketball by following this Code of Ethics."

- I will treat all players, fans and opponents with respect and dignity.
- I will not verbally abuse any coach, player, fan, or opponent.
- I will never verbally abuse an official, regardless of the situation.
- I will ask my child / player to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all coaches, players, fans, and opponents.
- I will strive for improvements by positive reinforcement, not negative comments.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of all children / players before any personal desire to win by accepting both victory and defeat with pride and compassion.
- I will applaud all participants' efforts – win or lose.
- I will make it my responsibility to know, understand and appreciate the rules of the game.
- I will do my very best to make sure that youth sports are fun.
- I will agree that violating this Code of Ethics during a game may have consequences that could cause a parent or a coach to be ejected from that game by the referee. More than one violation could cause suspensions from future games.

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**Name of Player**

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**Name of Parent/Responsible Party**

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**Signature of Parent/Responsible Party**

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**Date**