



## **Gladiator Basketball Association**

### **GBA Coach Contract / Code of Conduct**

The highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship must be maintained in youth sports. To ensure this, GBA expects all our coaches to adhere to the Contract/Code of Conduct below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), understand the importance of respect, good sportsmanship, positive attitude, appropriate behavior, fair competition, and adherence to rules, and I will always model these principles. I understand that as a coach, I am responsible for the conduct of myself, my players, the parents, and the fans associated with my team during organized GBA activities. I acknowledge that the GBA Board of Directors will not tolerate misconduct of any kind, and as a GBA coach, I pledge to do all the following:

1. I will treat officials, coaches, board members, players, parents, and opponents with respect always and will expect my players, parents, and fans to do the same.
2. I will never verbally abuse an official, coach, board member, player, parent, opponent, or fan under any circumstance.
3. I will encourage and demonstrate good sportsmanship by displaying positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and opponents.
4. I will strive for improvements by positive reinforcement, not negative comments.
5. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of a desire to win.
6. I will not use foul language or make inappropriate comments in the presence of the players, or anywhere in the playing area.
7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is drug, tobacco, and alcohol free, and I will refrain from their use before and during all practices and games.
8. I will remember that I am a role model to my players and will set a good example for how they should behave, on and off the court.
9. I will make it my responsibility to know, follow and teach all Rules of Game Play (OSAA rules).
10. I will make it my responsibility to know and follow all GBA Operating Rules (and rules of all GBA affiliated leagues), and will expect my players, parents, and fans to do the same.
11. I will respect and adhere to all Facility Use Rules, and will expect players, parents, and fans to do the same.

12. I will make sure that my team wears only their GBA issued uniform during all games.
13. I will actively support and help with GBA fundraisers.
14. I will take care of all equipment and will return all equipment that's issued to my team. If I do not, I understand that it will be my responsibility to pay for any damaged and/or missing equipment at the end of the season or I may not be allowed to coach in future seasons.
15. I will have a meeting with my team's players and parents at our first practice and will review my expectations and the GBA Code of Conduct with them at that time. I will collect a signed Code of Conduct from EVERY player & parent BEFORE our first game. (The GBA Code of Conduct is available on the GBA website. If you'd like us to print copies of this contract for your team, please send a request to a GBA Board member).
16. I understand that the GBA Board of Directors has the right to suspend and/or remove any coach who has not met the rules/expectations outlined in this Coaching Contract.

**Disciplinary Action for Coach Contract Violations:**

Disciplinary actions will vary based on the offense, ranging from warnings issued by the GBA Board, to more serious consequences including suspension and/or removal from your coaching position. Disciplinary actions are specified in the GBA Operating Rules.

I have read and fully understand the GBA Coach Contract/Code of Conduct.

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Coach Signature

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Date