

**PALMERTON YOUTH BASKETBALL
CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Primary purpose of youth sports programs is to offer each participant the opportunity to pursue, through competitive sports, the physical and emotional benefits of such activities. Too often the emphasis in sports participation has been placed on winning at any cost. The purpose of the Palmerton Youth Basketball Association (PYBA) Code of Conduct, to be followed by every participant, is to emphasize good sportsmanship, proper conduct, and full compliance with the rules and policies of the Youth Basketball League. The PYBA Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators. The PYBA Code of Conduct is based on the following principles of sportsmanship:

Code of Conduct for Players

1. Play the game for the game's sake
2. Be generous when you win.
3. Be gracious when you lose.
4. Be fair always, no matter what the cost.
5. Obey the rules of the game.
6. Work for the good of your team.
7. Accept the decisions of the officials with grace.
8. Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
9. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.
10. Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and opponents.

Code of Conduct for Parents

The role of parents and spectators is critical to the success of the youth basketball program. It is, therefore, important that you follow the guidelines set forth below.

1. Always keep in mind that Palmerton Area Basketball League is a recreational sports program with an emphasis on developing skills and having fun. Although competition is a natural part of sports activities, do not make winning the primary goal for you or your child.
2. Support your child and his/her team in a positive manner. Cheer for your child and his/her team, not against the opposing player or team.
3. Always show respect for all players, coaches, game officials and other fans. Allow for the fact that anyone can make a mistake. Set a positive example for our children with your behavior.
4. Follow the regulations set forth by the school district or Recreation Department for use of its facilities.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

1. Set a good example for participants and fans to follow.
2. Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
3. Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect.
4. Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.
5. Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
6. At least two adults should be present at all practices and events.

In the event that this Code of Conduct is not adhered to by players, parents or coaches, such actions should be brought to the attention of the PYBA officers. Disciplinary measures, if required, will be at the discretion of the PYBA's officers.

I certify that I have read, understand and will abide by the PYBA Code of Conduct.

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Parent/Guardian (Print Name)

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Parent/Guardian (Signature)

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Child (Print Name)

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Child (Signature; if possible)