



Rookie Basketball Association

Code of Conduct

Coaches, Parents/Guardians, & Players,

Please read the following contract for the upcoming RBA season. Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of all participants. It is therefore essential for coaches, parents, attendees, players, and referees to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. There is no better way to achieve this than by leading by example and demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control (“sportsmanship”). Please read over this with your child and sign the last page of this contract and return it to your coach.

As a coach in the RBA, I agree to the following code of conduct:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will adhere to the rules and policies set forth by the RBA coach’s guide and coach’s meeting.
- I will commit to always having 2 adults at every practice.
- I will keep my players and parents informed about rules, schedules and other league information.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will distribute playing time evenly among players on my team within the guidelines of the RBA rules.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players and players on the other team.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play, sportsmanship, and character qualities to all my players on and off the court.
- I will respect the decisions of referees and ensure that my players and spectators do the same.
- I will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with the RBA Coordinator, players, referees, parents and spectators. I will refrain from profanity.
- I will provide a basketball environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all RBA events and inside and outside of the sporting facilities.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children not adults.

As a player in the RBA, I agree to the following code of conduct:

- I will play within the rules and follow the instructions of the referees and coaches.
- I will train and play to the best of my abilities.
- I will arrive promptly and ready to go for all practices and games, wait patiently for my scheduled gym time, and be respectful of the facilities we use.
- I will respect the decisions of the referees and coaches.
- I will not intentionally try to inflict pain or injury to another player.
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship before, during, and after each game, regardless of the outcome.

- I will not partake in taunting, criticizing, or jeering of opposing player or referees.
- I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
- I will exhibit humility when winning and grace when losing.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events and inside and outside of the sporting facilities.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that a sport is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Role of the Parent/Guardian

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in The Salvation Army Rookie Basketball Association by following The Role of the Parent.

- I will sign my child in and out of each practice/game.
- I will be on time when dropping my child off and when picking my child up.
- I will never drop my child at the door and go but always personally escort my child into the gym.
- I will be responsible for and directly supervise any children I bring to any RBA events, including but not limited to practice, games, and tournaments.
- I will never allow my child's siblings, cousins, friends to run the halls, bathrooms, or other parts of the building used by the RBA unsupervised. Doing so could jeopardize membership of our family in the RBA.
- I will make sure any family or friends that are attending games with me adhere to the RBA policies in regards to acceptable sideline behavior.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will not criticize, taunt, or otherwise disrespect officials, players, or coaches from either team.
- I will not instruct players or coaches during games or practices.
- I will allow others around me to enjoy the game by not being overly boisterous or belligerent.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events and inside and outside of the sporting facilities.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, providing transportation and helping in any way I can.



ROOKIE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COACH/PARENT/PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

We (coaches, parents, and players) have read and hereby agree to abide by the RBA code of conduct. We also understand that failure to do so is subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to the following in any order or combination, at the discretion of the RBA leadership:

- Oral or written warning
- Immediate ejection from any RBA event
- Suspension from multiple RBA events
- Season suspension

Note: No reimbursement of fees will be made due to the dismissal of a player from a game or the RBA for not for not adhering to this contract as outlined.

Please keep the first two pages of this contract for your records and return this page signed to your coach.

Player Name	Player Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Coach Name	Coach Signature	Date