

Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

Coach's Code

I agree to:

- Exhibit respectful and ethical behavior and leadership and act with an awareness that young people learn best by example.
- Know the rules. Abide by and teach the rules of the game. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends on conformance to a rule's intent as well as to the letter of a given rule.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual player.
- Be a positive role model and example for players and spectators to follow-refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators; no gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he or she is doing or talking about; no throwing of any object in disgust. Do not use profanity, obscene language or improper actions.
- Develop team respect and appreciation for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches.
- Ensure that your players' basketball experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Players need a coach they can respect.
- Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to instill the proper attitudes and values in the players and to make sportsmanship the number one priority.
- Win and lose graciously and never blame officials for a loss.
- Encourage good sportsmanship at all times. Good sportsmanship requires as much work as any play or skill you will teach a player during the season.

I understand and agree that failure to comply with the Newport Select Boys Basketball Club Code of Conduct and its goals may be grounds for suspension or revocation of coaching privileges.

Parent's Code

I/we agree:

- To remember that children participate to have fun and develop. The game is for youth, not adults.
- To learn the rules of the game and the policies of the club.
- To be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and fans.

- Not to engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike behavior with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profanity or obscene gestures.
- To teach my child to always play by the rules.
- To teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- To emphasize skill development and practices and how this benefits my child.
- To never ridicule or yell at my child or other player for making a mistake or for losing a game.
- To promote the physical and emotional well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire I have for my child to win.
- To respect the league officials during games and never question, discuss, or confront coaches on the court.
- To speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. I/we will always wait at least 24 hours before approaching any coach with any questions related to coaching decisions, playing time, or other topics in connection with a game. If my issue is time-sensitive and cannot wait 24 hours, I will reach out to a board member in the meantime (not the coach).
- To demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
- To refrain from coaching or providing instructions to my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team (or helping/assisting for a coach).

I understand and agree that failure to comply with the Newport Select Boys Basketball Club Code of Conduct and its goals may be grounds for appropriate remedial action, in the discretion of the Board of Directors for the Newport Select Boys Basketball Club or its delegate, as appropriate, including but not limited to a verbal or written warning; ejection from a game, tournament, practice, or other event; being barred from future games, tournaments, or other events; or other actions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors for the Newport Select Boys Basketball Club.

Player's Code

I agree:

- To prioritize and attend practices and games, and notify the coach if and when I am unable to do so.
- To play by NSBBC rules and learn the rules of the game and discuss them with coaches, parents and other players as necessary.
- To never argue with or complain about referee calls or decisions.
- To concentrate on playing basketball and on affecting the outcome of the game with my best effort. Work equally hard for my team as for myself.
- To control my temper on and off the court.
- To never bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

- To practice good sportsmanship by cheering all good plays.
- To wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a courteous manner following a victory or defeat.
- To treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- To listen to my coaches' instructions and strategies, and try my best to implement them, regardless of whether or not I agree with them.
- To encourage my parents/guardians to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- To encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times.

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By participating in the Newport Select Boys Basketball Club, I agree to abide by these conduct guidelines and behavior expectations.