

Wayne Basketball Development Association

Coach: Code of Conduct

The Wayne Basketball Development Association (WBDA) has implemented the following Coach: Code of Conduct. All Coaches must read, understand and sign this form prior to coaching in any capacity for the WBDA.

By signing this form, the coach provides his/her acknowledgement that violation of the Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from coaching for the WBDA.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

Expected Behavior:

- Use appropriate language and tone when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents, and spectators.
- Include all players in team activities with regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, body type, national origin, ancestry, ability or disability, or any other legally protected classification.
- Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Allow for reasonable absences from practice.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players

Expected Behavior:

- Maintain a high level of awareness about conditions that could be unsafe for the players.
- Protect players from sexual molestation, assault, and physical or emotional abuse.

I will review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.

Expected Behavior:

- Keep basic first aid supplies readily available at all practices and games.
- Demonstrate concern for an injured player, notify parents, and cooperate with medical authorities.
- Protect an injured player's well-being by removing him/her from activity and not returning him/her to play if he/she is compromised by injury.
- In the case of a possible concussion, error on the side of caution and consult the player's parent/guardian.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship to all my players

Expected Behavior:

- Teach and demonstrate by example the basic moral code of treating others as we would like to be treated.
- Abide by, and support, the rules of the game, as well as the spirit of the rules.
- Provide an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.
- Use the position of coach to promote, teach, demonstrate, and demand good sportsmanship.

I will provide a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth basketball events.

Expected Behavior:

- Be alcohol- and drug-free at all team activities, or in the presence of players.
- Refrain from the use of any type of tobacco products at team activities, or in the presence of the players.
- Refrain from providing any type of alcohol, drug, or tobacco products to players.

I will remember that I am a youth basketball coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Expected Behavior:

- Maintain a positive, helpful, and supportive attitude.
- Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.
- Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.
- Allow and encourage players to listen, learn, and play hard within the rules.

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____