

NORTHWEST BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

All players/parents/coaches of Northwest Basketball need to abide by these rules.

AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Control my temper — fighting, bad tempers and swearing can spoil the activity for everybody.
- Respect my opponents.
- Do my best to be a true team player.
- Remember that winning isn't everything — having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are MORE important.
- Acknowledge all good plays/performance — those of my team and of my opponents.
- Participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me and I will show them respect.
- I will not play in shoes that I have worn outside.

AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Not force my child to participate in sports.
- Never question the official's judgment.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, and understand that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
- Supervise all of my children that attend the game that I am watching. I will not let any of my children run in the hallways at any school.
- I will be on my best behaviour at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers.
- I will not wear my street shoes in the gymnasium. I will remove them at the entrance.
- I will not eat or drink (besides water) in the school gymnasium.
- I will help clean up the gym so that Northwest and EYBA will not lose any of them.

AS A COACH I WILL:

- Ensure that all athletes get fair playing time, instruction and support.
- Be reasonable when scheduling games and practices and appreciate that young athletes have other interests/obligations.
- Teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, teammates, and opponents.
- Not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- Remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- Make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' age and abilities.
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with praise and set a good example.
- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- Work to communicate well with parents and players and the NW Executive Committee.
- I will treat other coaches, players and referees with respect. Yelling at participants will not be tolerated.
- I will not wear my street shoes in school gymnasiums, nor bring food, coffee or other drinks (except for water) into school gymnasiums.

