

Code of Conduct

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches in Pictou County Lightning Basketball. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows PCL Basketball to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community. Please read the document carefully!. Each participant and coach is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct before the season begins, and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season. Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors. If you are ejected or asked to leave from a game you must leave the gym immediately and may not return. This must be reported to the club immediately and return is not allowed until the incident is reviewed by the Board.



Code of Conduct for Players



- I will be a good sport to players, coaches, officials, opponents, and parents at every game and practice, no matter win or lose.
- I will learn the value of commitment by participating in as many practices and games as I can.
- I will encourage my teammates and praise good efforts.
- I will be honest, fair, and respectful to others at all times.
- I will aim to learn all I can from sports.
- I will arrive at practice on time and be ready to dedicate my attention to my coaches.
- I will be respectful to all facilities and equipment. Players/Parents will be responsible for any damage that occurs.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Fans

- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- I will be respectful to all facilities and equipment. Parents will be responsible for any damage that occurs.
- I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.
- I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use any profanity.
- I will not yell advice to my child during a game.
- I will model good sportsmanship for all youth participants.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event—in public, private, in-person, or online.
- I will do my part to keep sports fun and positive for every youth participant.

Code of Conduct for Coaches



- I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning games is secondary to building a positive youth sports experience for my players, parents of my players, and opposing teams.
- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will follow all safety protocols of the league.
- I will be respectful to all volunteers of PCL Basketball and gym employees.
- I will arrive to practice and games on time. I will wait till my allotted start time for practice outside and will not enter earlier or stay past the time scheduled for my team.
- I will be respectful to all facilities and equipment.
- I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a respectful tone.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event-in public, private, in person, or online.
- I will treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect and represent my community in a positive manner.