

Youth Provincial Discipline Guidelines

The Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) Youth Provincial (YP) Tournament shall be played under official FIBA (International Basketball Federation) basketball rules with ABA recommended modifications per age group, which has been agreed upon by all parties. Ultimately FIBA rules will prevail. The following levels of sanction for the Youth Provincial Tournament will be used by the YP Technical Committee as a guideline when determining the appropriate level of discipline. They may not be all inclusive regarding every situation. In such cases the YP Technical Committee will conclude their best decision on what level of consequence will be applied.

Level	Description	YP Technical Committee Action
Level 1	Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning to the individual given by Court Monitor, or any member of the YP Technical Committee or Organizing Committee
Level 2	2 Technical fouls in the same game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate ejection from current game 1 game suspension of the immediate next game Notice will be sent to the Zone or organization of the individual at hand
	Unsportsmanlike verbal statements	
	Any ejection from a game as a player, coach, spectator	
	Any repeat of Level 1	
	Intentional unsafe play	
Level 3	Repeat of any Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate ejection from current game Ejection from the Provincial Tournament Notice will be sent to the Zone or organization of the individual at hand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notice may include a recommendation of extended review to the zones or classify the discipline resolved and closed.
	Unsportsmanlike physical, altercation with another player	
	Intentional damage to facility/tournament equipment	
	Repeat of any level 1 action	
	Further technicals after level 2 suspension	
	Drug, alcohol, or dangerous object use	
	Failure to abide by Discipline Guidelines	
	Any confrontation after any suspension, ejection, or other discipline with coaches, athletes, spectators, or officials	

GUIDELINES OF THE YOUTH PROVINCIALS DISCIPLINE

1. General

- 1.1. The following rules regarding disciplinary infractions shall immediately be in effect for all Players, Coaches, Team Officials, Association Officials, Spectators and Parents participating at the Alberta Basketball Youth Provincial Tournament. The YP Technical Committee at Youth Provincials reserves the right to interpret disciplinary matters in accordance with our philosophy and goals of the event. It is the responsibility of everyone connected with ABA, ABOA, CMBOA, EBOA, CMBA and EYBA to abide by these rules in their fullness.
- 1.2. Coaches, Managers, or Responsible Adults are responsible for the conduct of their Players and the conduct of Parents and Spectators associated with their team, before, during and after their games.
- 1.3. During the course of the game the Referees are the sole persons responsible for enforcing the current rules of Youth Provincials and other applicable rules.
- 1.4. The YP Technical Committee uses a progressive discipline process that may progress as follows:
 - 1.4.1. Warning to a Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator.
 - 1.4.2. Ejection and suspension of a Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator.
 - 1.4.3. Extended suspension of a Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator.
 - 1.4.4. Indefinite suspension of a Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator.
- 1.5. If required, any step(s) in the discipline process may be bypassed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action.
- 1.6. In the case of all disciplinary infractions, the YP Technical Committee, or person(s) designated by them, shall assume responsibility for determining necessary additional penalties, enforcing penalties and for any other disciplinary actions.
- 1.7. Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to the infraction, a sequence of progressive discipline may be used at the discretion of the ABA and YP Technical Committee.
- 1.8. With the exception of minimum penalties specified in the 'Major Infractions' section, the YP Technical Committee may reduce or waive specified penalties at their discretion.
- 1.9. A Parent and/or Guardian as well as all Players and Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults are required to read and understand the ABA Code of Conduct contained herein. The commitments in this Code are part of the rules of the Alberta Basketball Association. Individuals who have not agreed to read and abide by the ABA Code of Conduct may not be permitted to participate in any Association activity. The ABA Code of Conduct is posted online at www.abbasketball.ca/content/policies-and-procedures, for players, parents and coaches to refer to.

2. PROCEDURES REGARDING DISCIPLINE

- 2.1. Any Coach/director/volunteer or persons found to be involved in numerous altercations or discipline matters may be subject to a disciplinary review. This review may result in suspension or other disciplinary actions at subsequent ABA/CMBA/EYBA events.
- 2.2. Discipline may be dealt with by the YP Technical Committee. The YP Technical Committee will consist of
 - 2.2.1. Reagan Wood - ABA
 - 2.2.2. Dave Drabiuk - ABA
 - 2.2.3. Ken King - CMBA

2.2.4. Jay Ouellette - EYBA

- 2.3. All Players, Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Minor Officials, Parents and Spectators are expected to abide by the rules of the ABA and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in accordance with these rules, and as laid out in the ABA Code of Conduct regulations, or they may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 2.4. The YP Technical Committee will determine the outcome of any disciplinary action prior to the team(s) next scheduled game at YP Tournament.
- 2.5. A decision by the YP Technical Committee to impose a suspension or ejection recommendation of supplementary discipline is valid for an appeal.
- 2.6. The consideration of disciplinary matters by the YP Technical Committee need not involve an in-person meeting. The individual(s) who are the subject of the disciplinary proceedings must be contacted and be provided with the opportunity to present their version of events to the person or body charged with the responsibility of making a decision concerning discipline. The subject of the disciplinary proceedings may be contacted in person, by telephone or by other means of electronic communication. Every valid attempt will be made by the YP Technical Committee to connect with persons as hand, prior to their next scheduled game.
- 2.7. Written or electronic notice of discipline shall be provided to the Head Coach and Zone Director for the Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Spectator involved who shall then be responsible to ensure that notice of the discipline that has been imposed is delivered to the Player and his or her Coach or the Coach, or Manager, or Responsible Adult, or Spectator, as the case may be.
- 2.8. Should a disciplinary situation arise which, in the opinion of the YP Technical Committee, requires ABA, EYBA or CMBA action but for which no rule specifically exists, the matter shall be referred by the ABA, EYBA or CMBA to the YP Technical Committee. YP Technical Committee shall have the authority to rule on the matter and their decision shall have the same authority as if there had been a rule dealing with the matter in question.

3. Rules Regarding Major Infractions

- 3.1. As major disciplinary infractions are, by definition, serious breaches of the rules, it is anticipated that in all cases these infractions will be sent to the YP Technical Committee.
- 3.2. Any Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Spectator ejected from a game for a major infraction, as stated below, will not be allowed to play or attend games for the period specified and will be required to immediately leave the gymnasium. Notification will be sent to the individual concerned, informing them of the suspension and the date the suspended individual may return to Youth Provincial activities. Additionally, notification will be sent to the affected Zone.

4. Major Infractions

- 4.1. Intentional Physical Contact with a Referee or an Official- No Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, in the context of a dispute, lay a hand on, push, or strike an Official or Referee.
 - 4.1.1. PENALTY: Anyone involved in physical abuse of a Referee or Official will be automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.

- 4.2. Intentional Physical Contact In A Dispute (other than Officials)- No Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Spectator shall at any time, in the context of a dispute, lay a hand on, push, or strike a Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator.
 - 4.2.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.3. Player Abuse- Verbal- Player shall not use language that will, in any manner, refer to or reflect negatively upon any Referee, Officials, Players, Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adult, Parents and Spectators. For the purposes of this rule 'Verbal Abuse' may include, but not be limited to remarks that are humiliating, degrading, threatening, swearing, name calling, berating or hurtful comments regarding a player or the performance of a player
 - 4.3.1. PENALTY: Verbal abuse by a player results in an immediate ejection from current game and a one (1) game suspension from Youth Provincial play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 4.4. Player Abuse- Physical- A Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall not physically abuse any Player for any reason whatsoever. For the purposes of this rule 'physical abuse' may include, but not be limited to, grabbing, striking, shoving, spanking, shaking, slapping, excessive exercise or denial of water as a means of punishment. It may also include Mental/Emotional Abuse such as placing unrealistic expectations on a child (winning every game, never making mistakes, etc.)
 - 4.4.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.5. Intimidation- No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, and in the context of a dispute, make any threatening or offensive gesture, or in any way threaten, or appear to threaten, any Referee, Official, Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator. This activity need not be overt, such as yelling, bullying or obscene gestures. Glaring, occupying the personal space of another person or communicating a threat in any manner that causes anxiety to another person may also be considered intimidation.
 - 4.5.1. PENALTY: This violation results in an immediate ejection from current game and a one (1) game suspension from Youth Provincial play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 4.6. Verbal Abuse- No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall use language that will, in any manner, refer to or reflect negatively upon any Referee, Officials, Players, Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adult, Parents and Spectators. For the purposes of this rule 'Verbal Abuse' may include, but not be limited to remarks that are humiliating, degrading, threatening, swearing, name calling, berating or hurtful comments regarding a player or the performance of a player A Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall not verbally abuse any Referee, Official, Player, Coach or Spectator for any reason.

- 4.6.1. PENALTY: This violation results in an immediate ejection from current game and a one (1) game suspension from Youth Provincial play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 4.7. Objectionable Demonstrations (Major)- There shall under no circumstances be objectionable demonstrations such as making threatening, offensive or obscene gestures or use profane language at any time and in any manner.
 - 4.7.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.8. Objectionable Demonstration through Social Media- Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) found in violation of the ABA Code of Conduct and ABA Social Media Policy, will be subject to an automatic suspension.
 - 4.8.1. PENALTY: The violation will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing and discipline. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 4.9. Failure to Follow the Instructions of an Official- No Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator shall at any time, before, during or after a game, fail to follow - without delay - the direct instructions of the Referee or Official.
 - 4.9.1. PENALTY: This violation results in an immediate ejection from current game and a one (1) game suspension from Youth Provincial play. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 4.10. Unnecessary Rough Play- Players shall not use unnecessarily rough play during the game against any other Player. Under no circumstances shall rough play be encouraged by a Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parent or Spectator or tolerated by a Coach, Manager, or Responsible Adult.
 - 4.10.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.11. Fighting- Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) fighting with, kicking, punching, striking or otherwise assaulting any other person before, during, or after a game will receive an automatic suspension.
 - 4.11.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.12. Excessive Force / Aggression- Any Player(s), Coach(es), Manager(s), Responsible Adult(s), Parent(s) or Spectator(s) found to be demonstrating excessive force, aggression and or a complete disregard for any other person while in violation will receive an automatic increased suspension.

- 4.12.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.13. Attempt to Injure- Players are prohibited from intentionally attempting to injure any other Player. For the purpose of the Rule, "intent to injure" shall mean any physical force which a player knew or should have known could reasonably be expected to cause injury.
 - 4.13.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.14. Spitting- Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Players, Parents and Spectators are prohibited from spitting on any other Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Parents, Referee, Official or Spectator.
 - 4.14.1. PENALTY: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.
- 4.15. Spectators on Court- Spectators/Parents/Minor Officials are prohibited from entering on the court floor at any time during the course of a game. Spectators/Parents/Minor Officials are not allowed on the floor once the game has started and cannot enter the court area until the game has concluded.
 - 4.15.1. PENALTY: The violation will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing and potential discipline. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.

5. Minor Infractions

In the case of minor infractions, the YP Technical Committee shall assume responsibility for determining necessary additional penalties, enforcing penalties and for any other disciplinary actions.

- 5.1. Game Sheet Completion- All Players who are at the game must be listed on the front of the game sheet in numerical order, with the Player's last name first followed by the given name or initial. Before the start of the game the referees in consultation with the minor officials will check the score sheet is filled out properly.
 - 5.1.1. PENALTY: A technical foul may be assessed for violation.
- 5.2. Game Sheet Submission and Incidents- Youth Provincial Staff are responsible to collect scoresheets and post the game score on the tournament website. However, the Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult must be able to produce any score sheets requested by the ABA Staff or YP Technical Committee.
 - 5.2.1. For all games, where players are given two technical fouls, ejected, or for games where other disciplinary actions must be reported, copies of the game sheet need to be

provided to the operations desk for distribution to the YP Technical Committee.

Additional written reports of the incidents will also be required.

- 5.2.2. PENALTY: Failure to submit a copy of the scoresheet in a timely manner, will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing and potential discipline. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 5.3. Jewelry- Prior to the commencement of the game the Referees and Coaches will check that Players are not wearing any jewelry (including necklaces, bracelets, watches, earring, etc.) with the exception of religious medals and/or medic alert medals that must be taped completely so they remain inside the Player's clothing.
 - 5.3.1. PENALTY: Players refusing to comply will not be permitted to play.
- 5.4. Required / Medical Equipment- Any required external medical equipment such as diabetic pumps, feed tubes, etc. are permitted to be worn without question as they are essential to the health and well being of the athlete. Equipment must be covered and or taped fully to ensure the safety of the athlete and their fellow participants.
 - 5.4.1. PENALTY: Players refusing to comply will not be permitted to play.
- 5.5. Player Equipment- The referee shall not permit any player to wear equipment, or any other item, that in his or her sole judgment is dangerous to other players. In the event of a conflict between the judgment of the referee and the regulations specified in the list below the judgment of the referee shall take precedence.
 - 5.5.1. Elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guards, casts or braces made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or any other non-pliable substance, shall be prohibited.
 - 5.5.2. The prohibition of the use of hard-substance material does not apply to the upper arm, shoulder, thigh or lower leg when the material is SUFFICIENTLY PADDED SO AS NOT TO CREATE A HAZARD TO OTHER PLAYERS.
 - 5.5.3. Pliable (flexible or easily bent) material, covered on all exterior sides and edges with no less than 1/2-inch thickness of slow-rebounding foam, may be used to immobilize and/or protect an injury.
 - 5.5.4. ANY equipment that could cut or cause an injury to another player shall be prohibited, without respect to whether the equipment is hard or pliable.
 - 5.5.5. Fingernails must be trimmed to no longer than 1/8" past the end of the finger. Fingernails that are shaped to come to a point are prohibited.
 - 5.5.6. Equipment used shall be appropriate for basketball. Basketball knee braces may be worn if they are covered properly. A protector for a broken nose, even though made of hard material, shall be permissible only when it does not endanger other players. Eyeglass protectors are appropriate equipment when they meet the qualifications outlined in this Rule.
 - 5.5.7. Headgear- It shall not cover any part of the face entirety or partially {eyes, nose, lips, etc.} and shall not be dangerous to the player wearing it and/or to other players. The headgear shall not have opening/closing elements around the face and/or neck and shall not have any parts extruding from its surface. Exceptions shall be made for established religious garments.
 - 5.5.8. PENALTY: Players refusing to remove the offending equipment will not be permitted to play.
- 5.6. Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Players, Parents or Spectators shall not show disrespect to the Referees or Officials, the opposing Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Players, Parents or Spectators. They will not make disparaging comments regarding the Referees, Officials or another Player or Team ("trash talk").

5.6.1. PENALTY: This violation will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.

5.7. Disregarding a Suspension- Any individual who, after receiving notice of a suspension participates in any Youth Provincial activities, or any individual who allows or encourages anyone else to participate in any Youth Provincial activities while under suspension

5.7.1. PENALTY FOR LEVEL 2 INFRACTION: The violation will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.

5.7.2. PENALTY FOR LEVEL 3 INFRACTION: This violation results in automatically ejected from the tournament. Said persons will be suspended from all ABA Programs and Events for one calendar year from the date of the offense. A letter from the YP Technical Committee to said persons Zone or organization will be sent outlining the incident and recommendation of supplementary review. Notice will be sent to the ABA Commissioner to compile a file of the incident.

5.8. Ineligible Player- Teams that use an ineligible Player(s) will, at a Minimum, lose the game in which the Player participated.

5.8.1. PENALTY: This violation may result in more serious penalties if ordered by the YP Technical Committee, up to and including a suspension of the team for the balance of the tournament. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

5.9. Objectionable Demonstrations (Minor)- There shall under no circumstances be objectionable demonstrations such as taunting another Player / team or to express disapproval of the decision of a Referee. This includes throwing balls or other equipment in a forceful manner.

5.9.1. PENALTY: In game discipline is at the discretion of the referee could range from a warning to an ejection of game. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with offenders by the YP Technical Committee.

6. Disqualifying Fouls (Ejection)

6.1. Any team personnel who are assessed an ejection from a game by the Referees will receive an automatic one game suspension to be served at the next scheduled game. Depending on the severity of the violation the YP Technical Committee may review the matter to determine whether further suspension is warranted. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

7. Ejection Due To Direct Technical/Unsportsmanlike Fouls

7.1. Any Player, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult who is ejected from the game due to direct technical fouls may receive a further suspension. The YP Technical Committee will determine the severity of any further suspension.

7.2. As per FIBA: A player shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game (Game Disqualification) when he/she is charged with 2 technical fouls, or 2 unsportsmanlike fouls, or with 1 unsportsmanlike foul and 1 technical foul.

7.3. Ejections due to technical/unsportsmanlike fouls are followed by an automatic ejection from the current game and 1 game suspension from the immediate next game.. Coaches/Players may not attend games they are suspended from.

8. Rules regarding Venues for Competition

8.1. The ABA relies on others to provide space for many of its games. This reality demands impeccable relations with these organizations at all times. Nothing less is acceptable.

- 8.2. Vandalism- Any Team, Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult, Player, Parent or Spectator found to have vandalized school or venue property
- 8.2.1. PENALTY: This violation results in forfeit of the game by the team associated with the person(s) concerned and may result in further disciplinary action against the Team, Coaches, Manager, Responsible Adult, Players or Spectators by the YP Technical Committee.
- 8.2.2. The person(s) responsible will not be allowed to resume Youth Provincial play until such time as they have written a letter of apology and delivered the letter in a face-to-face meeting with ABA Venue Coordinator or ABA Office Staff. A copy must be submitted to ABA - info@basketballalberta.ca
- 8.2.3. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders.
- 8.2.4. At the discretion of the YP Technical Committee, the individual concerned may be prohibited from Youth Provincial activity until restitution of damages has been made.
- 8.3. Relations with Venue Officials- All Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Players, Parents, Spectators and officials will show respect to and abide by requests made by any venue staff or venue officials.
- 8.3.1. PENALTY: Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game by the team associated with the incident and may result in further disciplinary action against the team, Coach(es), Manager, Responsible Adult, Parents, Spectator(s) or Official(s).
- 8.4. Shoes in Facilities- All of the venues that are used by Youth Provincials require that Players and Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults and Parents, not be on the floor wearing outside shoes. Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults may wear stocking feet. Any Player who does not have a pair of shoes to put on that have not been worn outside will not be allowed to play. If this is not complied with, ABA is in danger of losing the venue/school permanently.
- 8.4.1. PENALTY: This violation will be referred to the YP Technical Committee for initial processing. Progressive disciplinary action may be applied with repeat offenders by the YP Technical Committee.
- 8.5. Use of Tobacco- There will be no use of tobacco products (including and not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos, hookah smoked products, pipes, chewing, smokeless, oral tobacco and nasal tobacco) by any person at any time in the venue or on the venue grounds while it is under the control of Youth Provincials.
- 8.5.1. PENALTY: Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the YP Technical Committee.
- 8.6. Venue Housekeeping- Each team must clean up their respective benches and vicinity at the end of the game to the condition in which they were found, or better. This action is necessary to maintain our favorable relationship with the schools and other rented facilities.
- 8.6.1. PENALTY: Failure to comply will result in the team being fined \$200 per team per incident.
- 8.7. Distribution of Basketballs- Players are to be given basketballs only in the gymnasium and are not to play with basketballs in hallways or surrounding areas.
- 8.7.1. PENALTY: Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action by the YP Technical Committee.
- 8.8. Food and Drink- Only water is permitted in the court areas of Youth Provincials. Food and drinks (other than water) are not permitted in the gymnasium for Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adults, Players, Parents or Spectators.

- 8.9. Pets- Pets are not permitted in the buildings of Youth Provincials. Registered/identifiable guide dogs will be allowed in the facility. Non-service animals are not allowed in the facilities.

9. Rules Regarding Minor Officials

- 9.1. Duties - Minor Officials must keep in mind that they are a key part of the officiating crew. It is important that they pay attention to the game and carry out their duties in a diligent manner. Timers must be aware of timing rules and stop and start the clock as required. Scorekeepers must ensure the score sheet is filled out accurately; especially ensuring the score of the game is correct. Minor Officials will at all times take their direction from the Referees only.
- 9.2. Spectator Interference with Minor Officials- Spectators will keep in mind that the duties of the Minor Officials require concentration and attention to the game. Spectators will refrain from continually asking for the score or time remaining.
- 9.2.1. PENALTY: A Spectator, or Spectators, who continually interferes with the duties of the Minor Officials will receive a warning from the Minor Officials. Should the Spectator or Spectators continue this activity they will be reported to the Referee, who may instruct the person(s) concerned to leave the gymnasium.
- 9.3. Coach or Player Interference with Minor Officials- Coaches, Managers, Responsible Adult or Players will not approach within two (2) meters of the scoring table (where space permits) during the game except in situations where they are assisting the minor officials with their duties. The two (2) meter restriction does not apply to incoming substitute players.
- 9.3.1. PENALTY: A Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Player who continually interferes with the duties of the Minor Officials will receive a warning from the Referees or Officials. Should the Coach, Manager, Responsible Adult or Player continue this activity the Referee or Official may issue a technical foul against the Coach of the offending team.
- 9.4. Excessive Displays of Team Support- Minor officials will keep in mind that they are part of the officiating crew and should remain impartial in the administration of their responsibilities.
- 9.4.1. PENALTY: the Referee may replace a Minor Official.
- 9.5. Replacing a Minor Official- Should it be necessary to replace a Minor Official the team supplying the removed minor official will be required to supply a replacement.
- 9.5.1. PENALTY: Failure of a team to supply a replacement will result in forfeiture of the game.
- 9.6. Fouls and Technical Fouls- Minor Officials will mark all fouls, technical fouls, warnings, disqualifications and ejections on the game sheet, and will clearly indicate which player has been charged with the foul(s).
- 9.6.1. PENALTY: Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by the YP Technical Committee.

10. Discipline Information- Process to be followed:

- 10.1. If you are looking to report an incident there are 2 options; reporting to the YP Technical Committee or to the ABA Commissioner. Only reports that follow these 2 procedures will be reviewed. Incomplete Reports will not be accepted for review. Please ensure all necessary documentation is provided.
- 10.1.1. Reported to the YP Technical Committee: All incidents that are reported to the YP Technical Committee immediately after the conclusion of the game the incident occurred by phone call or email. As well a written incident report must be submitted to Alberta Basketball prior to the teams next scheduled game at Youth Provincials. ABA will send the Incident Report detailing the incident will be sent to the YP Technical Committee immediately upon receipt.

- 10.1.1.1. Incident reports can be found on the ABA website
<https://www.abbasketball.ca/form/2246>
- 10.1.2. Reported to the ABA Commissioner: All incidents looking to be reported to the ABA Commissioner should be emailed to commissioner@basketballalberta.ca outlining all aspects of what took place. The ABA Commissioner will review the incident and determine the next steps.

**Appendix 1:
Alberta Basketball Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this code of conduct is to ensure a safe and positive environment by instituting a zero-tolerance policy. The Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Individuals are expected to behave in an appropriate manner consistent with the values of the ABA. Conduct that violates this Code may be subject to disciplinary action. This policy applies to conduct that may arise during the course of the ABA business, activities and events, including but not limited to its office environment, competitions, practices, training camps, tryouts, travel and any meetings of the ABA.

Responsibilities

All individuals have a responsibility to:

- Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of the ABA members and other individuals by:
 - Demonstrating respect, regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, gender identity or expression, ancestry, colour, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, political belief, disability or economic status, genetic characteristics,
 - Focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, organizers, volunteers, employees and members,
 - Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sport leadership and ethical conduct,
 - Consistently treating individuals fairly and respectfully;
- Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment, comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading, or malicious; Refrain from any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment, where sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature; and
- Comply at all times with the bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the ABA.

Inclusion Statement

The ABA believes that all individuals deserve respectful and inclusive environments for participation that value the individual's gender identity and gender expression. The ABA wants to ensure that all participants have access to programming and facilities to the best of our ability in which they feel comfortable, safe and included. The ABA's will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.