



# Code of Conduct:

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## Preamble

The Fox Chapel Winter League Basketball Code of Conduct is one of the ways we put Winter League's values into practice. We set the bar high for practical and expectational reasons. Our commitment to the highest standards helps us keep the league safe and produces the best possible conditions for all coaches, players, spectators, and officials. All suspected wrongdoing will be investigated and disciplinary action may be used if need be. Fox Chapel Winter League reserves the right to enforce this Code of Conduct through any means the League sees fit.

## PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Respect** - Be respectful to players, spectators, coaches, and officials. Do not yell and complain when a call does not go your way. If you have a question for the officials, ask respectfully at the end of the quarter. Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff and officials at all times.
2. **Be supportive** - Encourage one another, do not be critical of one another for mistakes. Encourage your teammates to try their best and to have fun.
3. **Facilities** - Respect the facilities and equipment where the game(s) or practice(s) take place.
4. **Discrimination** - Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender, or ability directed at any players, coaches, spectators, or officials.

5. **Sportsmanship** - Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse, or conduct toward any player, coach, spectator, and official on or off the court.
6. **Technology** - Do not use technology to make or post offensive or inappropriate comments about players, teams, officials, administrators, or the league. Technology includes, but is not limited to, email, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings, or social media.

## **PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Parents and spectators cheer. Coaches coach. Officials officiate.** - If you want to coach, sign up. If you want to officiate, go to the class.

1. **Be positive and be supportive** - Your children are playing recreational basketball to have FUN, not to go to the NBA. Make positive comments from the stands. Cheer for the team and encourage all of the players. Cheer for your child when he/she plays well. However, remember that your child is a member of a team. Let the other players know you support them, too. Keep negative comments to yourself whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team. Young athletes do not need to be reminded constantly about their perceived errors or mistakes. Their coaches will instruct them, that is why they are there. The players are doing the best that they can; playing good basketball is more difficult than it looks.
2. **Officials should be treated with respect** - Teach the players that not all things go their way. Teach them to respect authority through your behavior. Do not go onto the court at any time unless the officials permit. Parents and spectators should never make negative comments to the officials. Our officials are giving their best attempt to call a fair game and to continually improve.
3. **Harassment** - Do not make negative comments about officials, players, coaches, or spectators. The league is committed to making it a safe environment for everyone in the gym.
4. **Discrimination** - Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender, or ability directed at any players, coaches, spectators, or officials.

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## **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. **Sportsmanship** - Practice good sportsmanship towards opposing coaches, spectators, players, and officials. If you have a question for an official, wait until the end of the quarter and ask respectfully for an explanation. Teach your players to also have good game sportsmanship. Teach them to love the game and not to question officials calls when they disagree. More is caught than taught by the players, as they watch how a coach treats officials. Whether or not you know it, you are teaching the players more than just how to play basketball. You are teaching them valuable life lessons.
2. **Verbal/physical abuse** - Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, coach, fellow spectator, or official on or off the court. The players are supposed to be having fun, not worried that they are going to get yelled at for missing a shot.
3. **Discrimination** - Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender, or ability directed at their own or opposing players, coaches, spectators, or officials.
4. **Facilities** - Respect the facilities and equipment where the game(s) or practice(s) take place.
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