



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

The CYBL Board of Directors are concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games at all levels, from intramural to travel and from the Mites division through the High School.

We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable for all of the children and adults involved. A basketball game should be friendly and unifying – a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, referees and spectators.

To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct:

- 👉 Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- 👉 Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referees.
- 👉 During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, call a time-out to settle that player down.
- 👉 During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team.
- 👉 During the game, do not address the referee at all. If you have an issue please direct it to the Site Manager on Duty calmly and patiently.
- 👉 After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same.

Referees, especially young and inexperienced ones, are like your players and yourself in that they need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the referees by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting – or even accepting – your own players' overly aggressive behavior.

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE** - Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall development, and if you support the referees, your players and their parents will notice. If you encourage (or allow) your players to play outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the referee harshly, your players and their parents will also notice.

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