Coaches Guidelines:

The following is a list of guidelines that all coaches are expected to follow.

- The best way to produce a quality team is by using a positive attitude, positive talk, and positive feedback to players. Stillwater coaches will strive to avoid negative criticism of players, parents, and officials. Constructive criticism is always necessary for players to improve while negative feedback makes for negative players. Coaches are expected to follow the Stillwater Boys Basketball Coaches' Code of Conduct and pass a background check.
- Coaches' Code of Conduct:

  "I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win. I will remember to treat each player as an individual. I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players to sustain. I promise to review and practice the necessary first-aid principles needed to treat injuries to my players. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of basketball, and I will teach these rules to my Players. I will follow the playing time policies established by Stillwater Boys Traveling Basketball."

- At least two Stillwater Traveling coaches for each team per grade level are required to complete a concussion training program, in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota. Stillwater Traveling Basketball will provide this training for the coaches.
- Players need and enjoy discipline in themselves and their teammates. Do not allow them to criticize each other, coaches, or officials. Do not allow profanity, arguments, or negative behaviors to happen. Expect your players to be the best disciplined team. Demand that they dress, walk, and talk with class both on and off the court. The most important thing a player will learn is how to be a good person. This lesson is far more important than wins or losses.
- A successful coach is one that is a responsible teacher, leader, and organizer. Please take the time to plan your team's strategy as well as how you approach each interaction with your players.
- A successful coach is one who focuses more on teaching than on winning. They also teach sportsmanship, self-control, self-discipline, game preparation, strategy, and respect for self and others. While winning is a goal, these other lessons are far more important.
- A successful coach is a good communicator to both players and parents. The expectation is that coaches inform parents about the team's happenings. Every coach is expected to have a players/parents/coaches meeting before the start of the season, and during the season if necessary.
- A successful coach is a good role model. You, your players, and the parents of your players should all follow the sportsmanship guidelines.
- A successful coach makes each player feel special. Please try to make each athlete feel as if his role is important to the team. Let him know his role and how it fits into the overall team picture.