

West Coast Basketball Association (WCBA) Code of Conduct

At WCBA, our mission is to “provide youth and communities with opportunities to build teamwork, engage in their community, and learn life lessons through sports.” A big part of that mission is promoting fair play and respect for everyone involved in the game.

To support this, we’ve created a Code of Conduct for players, parents, and coaches. This is a commitment from all of us to follow the rules of the game, stay positive, and show good sportsmanship.

The Code of Conduct is based on three key principles:

1. **Keep a positive attitude**
 2. **Be a good role model**
 3. **Respect everyone involved in the game**
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1. Keep a Positive Attitude

Players, parents, and coaches are expected to be respectful and supportive. Negative behavior like criticizing referees, opponents, or teammates goes against the spirit of the game and WCBA’s values.

2. Be a Good Role Model

Everyone is responsible for their own actions—on and off the court. Children learn by example, so it’s important that adults show respect and self-control. The following behavior is not acceptable:

- Swearing or using offensive language or gestures
- Taunting or insulting referees, players, or coaches
- Verbal abuse, threats, or physical violence
- Disrespecting the game or its participants

Everyone—players and adults alike—must behave in a way that reflects positively on WCBA. Teams are expected to help manage the conduct of their players and spectators.

3. Respect Everyone Involved

Referees:

Referees have a tough job and they may make mistakes. If you feel there’s a serious issue, talk

to your coach after the game. Coaches can report concerns to WCBA staff. Referees may stop play if a coach, player or spectator is behaving in an unsportsmanlike fashion.

Opponents:

Players and coaches must show respect to opponents at all times. Even if the other team doesn't show good sportsmanship, we will. That's what separates a great team from the rest.

Your Own Team:

Great teams support one another. Players should put the team's success ahead of personal goals. Parents and players must respect the coach's decisions and authority.

Player Code of Conduct

As a WCBA player, I will:

- Have fun and enjoy learning the game
- Be humble in victory and respectful in defeat
- Follow the rules and play fairly
- Work hard and do my best for my team
- Respect referees and coaches
- Show good sportsmanship at all times
- Treat everyone the way I want to be treated
- Help my parents understand the game and be respectful spectators
- Stay calm and not retaliate, even if provoked
- Not use or allow the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or marijuana products during any WCBA event(s)

Violations may result in consequences from the referee, coach, or WCBA staff.

Parent Code of Conduct

Parents have a big influence on their child's experience. Your support and positive example matter.

As a WCBA parent, I will:

- Encourage and support my child and their team

- Celebrate effort and improvement; not just winning
- Be a positive role model at all games
- Cheer respectfully
- Let the coach do the coaching and the referees do their job
- Be respectful to opponents, their families and coaches
- Focus on helping my child enjoy the game
- Avoid making unreasonable demands or setting unrealistic expectations
- Stay informed through the WCBA website or emails
- I will not openly criticize referees. Any concerns can be shared in writing with the coach or WCBA
- I will help my child understand and appreciate the game
- I will make sure my child is prepared for every game
- I will be patient and support all learning efforts

Coach Code of Conduct

As a WCBA Coach, I Will:

- Understand that I have a big influence on young athletes. While winning matters, teaching strong character and good values matters more
- Always act with honesty and integrity—whether I’m talking to players, referees, other coaches, parents, or the public
- Not use or allow the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or marijuana products during any WCBA event(s)
- Represent the WCBA in a positive way and make sure my actions reflect the organization’s values
- Know the rules of the game and teach them to my players. I won’t try to cheat or bend the rules for an advantage
- Promote good sportsmanship from my players and fans at all times

- Show respect for game officials and speak to them respectfully, even when I disagree. I won't argue with referees, make negative comments about them, or allow players to behave disrespectfully
- Encourage players and fans to stay positive and focus on the game to create a respectful, supportive environment
- Greet referees and opposing coaches with professionalism and respect before and after every game

24-Hour Rule

Parents and coaches must wait at least 24 hours after a game before discussing concerns with the coaches or officials. This gives everyone time to cool down and reflect. It helps keep conversations respectful and productive.

Consequences for Violating the Code of Conduct

For Players, Parents, Coaches or Spectators:

If someone's behavior violates this Code of Conduct, WCBA staff or officials may:

- Give a verbal or written warning
- Issue a technical foul
- Ask the player, parent, coach or spectator to leave the game
- Forfeit the game
- Suspend the player, parent, coach or spectator from future games
- Permanently ban the player, parent, coach or spectator from any future WCBA events

If necessary, legal authorities will be contacted at WCBA's discretion.

Our Goal

We're committed to creating a safe, respectful, and fun environment for everyone involved—players, parents, coaches, referees, and fans. Thank you for helping us build a strong and positive basketball community!