

In-House Basketball Coaching Contract

These are guidelines each coach should follow to promote a positive experience throughout the season. By being a coach within this organization, you agree to these guidelines. If a guideline is violated, it is grounds to not be asked back as a coach next year. If the violation is severe, your organization may be excluded from the league and/or action taken during the season.

1. I will give an equal playtime sheet to the scorer's table prior to each game; the sheet should remain at the table and be followed throughout the game. In the event a substitution is needed, the substitute must be of comparable skill.
2. For 3rd and 4th grade, when leading by 15 points or more, I will have my defense fall back to the three-point arc.
3. For 5th through 12th grade, when leading by 10 points or more, I will have my defense fall back to half court.
4. I will encourage every player to try various positions throughout the season.
5. I will not critique or harass the referee during the game; coaches set a behavioral example for players and fans.
6. I will ensure my team shows respect to the referees and encourage the team to thank each referee after the game.
7. I am responsible for upholding the sportsmanship of my team. For example, the entire team will show good sportsmanship by lining up and giving high fives after each game.
8. I will hold a parent meeting or send an email to reinforce the importance of positivity, encouragement and sportsmanship towards players, coaches and referees. If you need additional support from your association's In-House Director, please reach out to them.
9. I will encourage players to have fun and try their best.
10. If the game is getting out of control (it is too aggressive), for the safety of the kids, call a time out and have a meeting with the other coach and referee with the goal of reigning in the game. Example suggestions to help regain control of the game could be: Suggesting the referee call more fouls, asking the referee if they want a coach from each team to referee on the court with them, and/or coaches to talk with their players about the needed changes.