

**WOODCLIFF LAKE BASKETBALL**  
**PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Youth sports play a vital role in encouraging physical, social and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents and coaches to encourage their youth players to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline and character development. All compliance infractions will be reviewed by the Executive Board for appropriate actions.

**PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a player in the Woodcliff Lake Boys' Basketball program, for both rec and travel, I agree to the following:

- I will be a good sport (win or lose), be honest, fair and always show good sportsmanship to all coaches, players, officials and fans.
- I will learn the value of commitment to the team.
- I will put personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
- I will show courtesy and respect to all teammates, parents, opponents and coaches.
- I realize that athletic contests, including practice sessions are educational experiences and opportunities.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not engage in rude behavior on or off the court.
- I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and referees with respect regardless of race, creed, color, nationality, religion or gender.
- I agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the Code of Conduct while attending or participating in a youth sports event, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

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Player signature

Date:

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer or coach, parents must set a positive example. Parents, coaches and all adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field. All compliance infractions will be reviewed by the Executive Board for appropriate actions.

**PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

- I will give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- I will support the coaching staff and refrain from excessive "sideline coaching" from the stands.

- I will refrain from using profanity.
- I will abide by doctors' decisions in all matters of players' health and injuries, and physical ability to play.
- I will accept the decisions of referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Parents must stay off the court and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team, by words or gestures.
- I will support the coaches, players and referees and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- I understand that inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands. A second offense will result in being barred from future games and league sponsored activities.
- Parents will not encourage their child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, referees or any other attendee.
- All parents and coaches must sign and adhere to the Woodcliff Lake Boys Basketball Code of Conduct.
- I agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the Code of Conduct while attending or participating in a youth sports event, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

Parent or Guardian

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Date:

If there is a compliance infraction of the above Code of Conduct, the procedure for remediation will be as follows

1. If a Coach is notified of any allegation, the Coach is obligated to report the allegation to an Executive Board member.
2. Any player or parent against whom a complaint is lodged will be contacted by a board member or appointed disciplinary committee.
3. The board member or disciplinary committee will set up a time to meet with the player or parent to discuss the alleged infraction as soon as practical after the infraction is reported.
4. The board member or disciplinary committee will evaluate and offer an opinion to the Executive Board for a vote, which could result in discipline including warning, suspension or expulsion from the program depending on the infraction.
5. If discipline is recommended and the person against whom the discipline is recommended agrees, the recommended discipline will be imposed. If the person against whom discipline is recommended disagrees, they will have the right to ask for a hearing before the full board.
6. If a full hearing takes place, a vote will follow and the discipline voted upon will be imposed. There will be no further right of appeal.

## **POLICY AGAINST HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING**

It is the goal of the Woodcliff Lake Boys' Basketball Association to ensure that all of our children and participants have a better understanding of these issues and can help make the boys' basketball program enjoyable for everyone.

Woodcliff Lake Boys' Basketball prohibits and will not tolerate acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying (including cyber bullying). "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability; or
2. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that
3. Take place in relation to any program function or team; and that
4. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a player or damaging the player's property, or placing a player in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
5. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any player or group of players; or
6. Creates a hostile environment for the player by interfering with a player's participation or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the player.

Notification of any alleged harassment, intimidation or bullying shall be made to the affiliated Coach, to be passed on to an Executive Board member. The procedure for addressing the allegation will be the same as for other Code of Conduct allegations.