

## CAROLINA COURTS COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches will not be cleared to coach until this form is signed. Anyone deemed in violation of this Code of Conduct may be subject to SUSPENSION or EXPULSION from any and all Carolina Courts coaching or coaching related activities!

In an effort to promote good sportsmanship, Carolina Court's Board of Directors has pledged to enforce a Code of Conduct that will ensure the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of all of its participants and coaches. Our goal is to ensure that all of our participants and coaches will thrive in an environment where respect and camaraderie abound. **THIS CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!**

Carolina Courts recognizes the physical and competitive nature of the sport and as such we recognize the need for control of all participants as well as coaches. Therefore, all coaches are responsible to read and sign the Code of Conduct and acknowledge their adherence to the COC. Any coach who is deemed in violation of this code will be reviewed by the Carolina Courts Board of Directors for a resolution.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE:**

The following rules are set forth by the Carolina Courts and will be strictly enforced: Each coach is expected to:

- 1) Set an example of good sportsmanship as well as have a positive attitude and show enthusiasm for all participants.
- 2) Strive to make every practice serve as a training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health in addition to the instruction of basketball.
- 3) Emphasize that winning is the result of "Teamwork" and not individual performance.
- 4) Emphasize that players strive to be good students as well as athletes and that both are physically and mentally demanding.
- 5) Stress that each participant has responsibilities to his/her family in addition to education which rank above playing sports.
- 6) Remove from a game, practice or competition any participant when even slightly in doubt about their health.
- 7) Not criticize participants in front of spectators, reserve constructive criticism for private or in the presence of team participants if others might benefit.
- 8) Not criticize an opposing team, its participants, coaches or fans by word of mouth or gestures.
- 9) Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 10) Partner with game officials to be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of the team, fans, and spectators.
- 11) Accept decisions of the game officials on the court as being fair and called to the best of said officials or follow the appropriate reporting method.
- 12) Not permit an ineligible participant to participate in any official game.
- 13) Refrain from using abusive and profane language.
- 14) **Abstain from consuming alcohol on any Carolina Courts premises or at any coaching function while players are present.**
- 15) **Refrain from smoking or chewing tobacco on any Carolina Courts premises unless in a designated area.**
- 16) Set a great example for the participants, coaches are expected to display a high standard of ethical behavior both on and off the court.
- 17) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each other and every person involved in our organization.
- 18) Show no favoritism, every participant is to be treated equally and fairly.
- 19) Not allow personal feelings to interfere with the coaching of any participant.
- 20) Always maintain fair and consistent coaching.
- 21) Settle differences between other coaches after practices/games and away from participants and parents.
- 22) Refrain from disrespect and verbal abuse; including trash talking, arguing, use of foul language, ethnic slurs or references, towards any player, official, other coach, team representative, any opposing city or spectator.
- 23) Report parent/participant issues that cannot be resolved in a reasonable manner to the appropriate authority.
- 24) Be approachable by parents, your parents need to be able to feel they can talk with you. This should be done either before or after practice or a game, not during practice, a game, or in front of the players.

**Carolina Courts  
Board of Directors**

**By my signature below, I hereby confirm that I have read, understand, and do hereby agree to abide by the Carolina Courts Coaches Code of Conduct.**

**I am also aware that my failure to abide by the Carolina Courts Coaches Code of Conduct may be grounds for my dismissal from my coaching position and participation in any Carolina Courts activities.**

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

