



# 2019/20

## Coach, Player, Parent Code of Conduct

Coaching a youth sports program such as basketball is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. As a coach, appointed by the Norris Basketball Association (N.B.A.) Directors, you have a very important role in the development of the young children and teenagers within our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play and teamwork. These are values that can be used throughout the rest of their lives. With this in mind, Norris Basketball Assoc. expects each Coach, Player and Parent to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

### Rules and Policies

- I will know and understand the rules and abide by them (whether league specific or National). I will instruct my players in the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
- I will understand the Norris Basketball Assoc. rules for playing time. All coaches must ensure that each player get, at a minimum, 2 quarters of play, unless medically necessary to play less. If there is a medical need, this needs to be addressed with the director, so all parties can be informed as such.
- I will review the Norris Basketball Assoc. Facebook page and website on a regular basis to make sure that I am informed of all updated N.B.A. rules and policies.
- I understand alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all N.B.A. games and on school grounds inside or outside the facilities. All offenders will be turned over to the local police force. First offense will result in dismissal from the league and could result in a lifetime ban.
- I understand the use of ANY tobacco products on any school property is prohibited.

### Sportsmanship

- I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good basketball skills, and have fun in the process.
- I realize, accept and will practice the principle that a Team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner on and off the court.
- I understand verbal abuse of/from an official, coach, player or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be ejected from the gym at the discretion of a referee or N.B.A. Director. This ejection could result in a 1 or many game suspensions.
- I understand coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
- I understand all discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at a referee, coach, fan or player. The lone exception to this rule is when a coach or player shouts to another coach or teammate during the course of play for instructions to players / teammates.
- I understand **profanity** is expressly forbidden at all times. Violations of this rule could result in an ejection from the game and/or result in suspensions from more games.

## **The Referee's and Other Resources**

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- I recognize basketball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. The players and coaches agree to conduct themselves with decorum and once the referee has made his/her ruling, there will be no arguing of calls.
- I recognize that all referees will make mistakes occasionally, and as a coach, I will give the referees respect, their position within the game deserves it.

## **The Coaches and Parents of the league**

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- I will maintain an open line of communication with Players, Coaches and Parents. I will be approachable and always should expect the same in return. I will make sure that all parents are aware of practices, games and other responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner. I will let my parents know ASAP when league news, events or changes to the schedule arise.
- I will understand and explain the philosophies, goals, objectives, and rules of the league. Norris Basketball Association is an organized recreational league, meant for the enjoyment of all the players.
- I will ensure that fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at games and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. Players and coaches of participating teams may not address or mingle with the spectators during the game of which they are playing in. I will ensure that only coaches and assistant coaches are sitting on the bench during games.
- IF at any time a coach, parent or another adult comes onto the court and addresses any player, coach or official in an aggressive manor by voice or threatening approach, said adult will be removed from the gym and will be subject to dismissal from the league for rest of season or lifetime suspension from the league. This also includes fighting that could happen inside or outside of the gym, any fights will be turned over to the local PD and will result in an immediate dismissal from the league for the current year and possibly a lifetime ban.
- I will attend all called meetings for coaches unless I am out of town or have a significant previously made commitment. I understand that I am the point of contact between my team, other teams and N.B.A. officials and will communicate effectively and in a courteous manner.
- All head coaches are required to take the CDC training on concussions, all parents will be required to provide a Drs. release, for any athlete to be able to play that was removed from a game or practice for a possible concussion. All coaches of athletes that have been removed for a possible concussion need to inform the Directors immediately.

## **Team Responsibilities**

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- I will conduct practices in an organized manner, with a planned-out agenda that focuses on specific skill development appropriate for the level of players.
- I will focus on providing instruction and provide in a way to work with players abilities and current skill levels so every player has the opportunity to advance, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, as well as establish a solid foundation.
- I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory as well as defeat.
- I understand that coaches are appointed by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on and off the court. I will teach them to represent the team, be respectful, and courteous to teammates, competitors, coaches and spectators.

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