

# CITY OF WILDWOOD PARKS & RECREATION



## CODE OF CONDUCT

The following is a brief code of conduct that the City of Wildwood Parks & Recreation Department expects all players, coaches, parents, and spectators to abide to, whenever they are representing the City of Wildwood in any manner. COWYBL (City of Wildwood Youth Basketball League) is committed to the highest level of sportsmanship and fair play. COWYBL encourages all parents, spectators, coaches, and players to display these simple sportsmanship rules, and make it a part of everything you do during your COWYBL experience.

These codes of ethics and conduct are here to inform you, the player, the coach, the parent, or the spectator that games are of the competitive nature, which leads to very emotional situations involving every coach, player, parent, and spectator involved with COWYBL. We expect every coach, player, parent, and spectator to exemplify sportsmanship that builds character, teamwork, and a good attitude

Good sportsmanship and a positive emotional balance are always needed, and need to be the number one priority and guiding principle in the COWYBL. All players, coaches, parents, and spectators need to know what is expected of them. Basic expectations include: Respect between opposing players, coaches and parents, Refraining from the use of profanity and inappropriate gestures at all times, Proper management of playing facilities (i.e. keeping them clean, disposing of trash, treating the property with respect), No bullying or "trash talking" by coaches, players, parents, spectators, or referees, Acknowledging the efforts of all referees, scorekeepers, and game management officials. Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials the same way that you would like to be treated — fairly and with respect. Parents and coaches will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire they have for the children to win. Parents, coaches, and spectators will never ridicule or yell at a child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition. These basic principles help assure that parents and coaches are a good role model for the children. As a player or coach, by keeping these basic principles, it helps protect the dignity that the game of basketball brings to all, the dignity that COWYBL hopes to accomplish and keep.

### **I therefore agree as a parent/guardian:**

1. *I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.*
2. *I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.*
3. *I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.*
4. *I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.*
5. *I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures*
6. *I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.*
7. *I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.*
8. *I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.*
9. *I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.*
10. *I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
11. *I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.*
12. *I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.*
13. *I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.*
14. *I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.*
15. *I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team or is asked by the official coach for assistance.*
16. *I will provide the proper documentation proving age/grade level for each player and that this information is accurate and factual.*

### **As a player I also therefore agree:**

1. *I will have fun while learning the game of basketball and I will listen to & be respectful of my parents, coaches & officials.*

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- *Written warning by official, head coach, and or director of league*
- *Parental/player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organization involved*
- *Removal from League-Indefinite ban from organization*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_