

# The Town of Southeast Recreation Basketball League

## *Parent/Coaches and Coach Code of Conduct*

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

### *I therefore agree:*

- I will not force my child to participate in sports
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
- I will inform the coach of any circumstances regarding my child that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league
- 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.
- 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
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect
- I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard – making my child feel like a winner every time
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning (de-emphasizing games and competition)
- 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
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials or coaches at the game. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place
- 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 Town of Southeast events
- 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

***“I therefore pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child participating in the Town of Southeast Recreation Basketball League by following this Code of Conduct.”***

***I agree that by violating this Code of Conduct during a practice or game may have the consequences of being ejected from that practice or game. If I am ejected, I will be prohibited from attending the next practice and/or game. And if the problem continues or recurs, I will be prohibited from further participate in TOSE Recreation Basketball League’s activities until a meeting has been held with team coaches and the division coordinator(s) to resolve the problems/issues.***

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Player Name or Coaches Name

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Parent/Guardian Name(s) Print

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Parent/Guardian signature(s) or Coaches Signature

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Date

**Always remember your actions speak louder than words!**