

## “Honoring The Game”

The key to providing a positive environment in youth sports is a youth sports culture in which all involved, **“HONOR THE GAME.”** Honoring the game gets to the **ROOTS** of the matter and involves respect for the **Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates** and one’s **Self**. You don’t bend the rules to win. You understand that a worthy opponent is a gift that forces you to play to your highest potential. You show respect for officials even when you disagree. You refuse to do anything that embarrasses your team. You live up to your standards even when others don’t. Players and parents **CAN** create a positive youth sports culture so that children will have fun and learn positive character traits to last a lifetime! Together, lets character education a priority.

Please read and sign the following forms along with your registration form and return to the Southeast Recreation Department.

### **The Town of Southeast Recreation Basketball League**

#### *Player code of Ethics*

If benefits are to be derived from athletics, the highest standard of ethics and sportsmanship must be maintained. The ethics and sportsmanship of the players, coaches, officials and others associated with the game should be exemplary. Everyone participating should conduct himself/herself so that he/she is a credit to the sport.

***“I hereby pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my teammates, my opponents, my coaches and the officials in the TOSE Recreation Basketball League by following this Code of Ethics.”***

- I will treat all players, fans and opponents with respect and dignity
- I will not verbally abuse any coach, player, fan or opponent
- I will ***never*** verbally abuse an official, ***regardless*** of the situation
- I will ***never*** use profane language or gestures, or physically attack another player, coach, official or fan
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect
- I will be a good sport by being positive at all times
- I will accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion
- I will applaud all participants’ efforts – win or lose
- I will learn, understand and appreciate the rules of the game

***I understand that violating this Code of Ethics may have consequences that could cause me to be ejected from a practice or game. If I am ejected, I understand I will be prohibited from participating in the next practice and/or game until I have met with my coach and parents to correct my behavior.***

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Player Name (Print)

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Player Signature

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Parent/Guardian signature(s)

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Date

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Grade Level

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