

## **LYNNFIELD YOUTH BASKETBALL**

### **Coach Code of Conduct**

As a coach of Lynnfield Youth Basketball, I hereby pledge the following:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will be fair, considerate and honest with athletes and communicate with athletes using simple, clear language. I will never use negative (non-constructive) criticism when speaking with athletes, nor will I communicate negative criticism about one child to another child.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on athletes' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved within the sport, including opponents, coaches, and officials.
- I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship by my fellow coaches, players, parents and those associated with my team with special emphasis on respecting the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, other volunteers, friends and spectators.
- I will respect and support contest officials. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials.
- I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates league rules.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. I recognize that all kids are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will refrain from physical contact with athletes, except where necessary for the player's skill development or medical care.
- I will respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- I will appropriately and timely raise any concerns or issues to the LYB Travel Director and/or Lynnfield Youth Sports Program Board of Directors.

I acknowledge that any violations of the rules listed above, or any other action that is determined by the Lynnfield Youth Sports Program Board of Directors to be detrimental to the LYB program, are grounds for removal as a LYB coach.

COVID-19 ADDENDUM:

- I will record attendance at all games and practices and willingly comply with requests from LYB directors, league personnel, third party facility personnel, and town officials to assist with contract tracing.
- I will report any known instances of required quarantine periods for myself, my players, or other team personnel to the Lynnfield Youth Sports Program President for tracking and monitoring purposes and I will assist with ensuring that no person under known quarantine restrictions participates in any LYB activities.
- I will ensure that all team personnel are adhering to the LYB COVID safety standards, including, but not limited to, wearing facial coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth, limiting participants to no more 25 participants on a playing surface, promoting hand hygiene at the beginning and end of all activities, and disinfecting shared equipment.
- I will treat my team as a standalone cohort and will not scrimmage or engage in any close contact activities with another LYB team.