

NORTH COAST YOUTH TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches, Officials, Parents and Spectators:

All adults who supervise, coach, officiate or simply watch and cheer for the players on the court shall remain unconditionally supportive of the NCYTA's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, all adults shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players. In order to adhere to these doctrines all adults agree as follows:

- You will be positive role models.
- You will display and instill in the players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- You will conduct yourselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- You will do your best to provide the players a positive experience.
- You will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- You will treat everyone on and off the court (players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches and league officials) with respect.
- You will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- You will not ridicule or demean players, coaches, officials or spectators.
- You will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- You will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by NCYTA and the Board.
- You will teach the game of basketball to the best of your ability.
- You will be drug and alcohol-free while at any NCYTA sponsored event.
- You will not use any tobacco products in the gym or anywhere in a recreational and/or school facility.

Players:

You will:

- display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- respect all coaches, players, league officials, referees and spectators.
- make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.

You will not:

- use abusive or profane language.
- taunt or humiliate any other player.
- question an official's call.
- abuse, mistreat or mishandle any NCYTA or league equipment or property (e.g., kicking basketballs or hanging on rims)

At the discretion of your coach or the referee, a player may be taken out of a game or removed from any NCYTA sponsored activity for conduct which is not consistent with the above Code of Conduct.

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:

Coach misconduct:

Coaches are required to abide by league rules and NCYTA standards. Game officials will handle improper behavior in accordance with league rules. The Board will investigate complaints about a coach's behavior or reports of a pattern of inappropriate behavior. The Board reserves the right to suspend or remove a coach on an interim or permanent basis depending on the severity of the behavior and with the best interests of the players and the NCYTA program in mind.

Spectator misconduct:

Spectator behavior will be the responsibility of league officials and each team's coaches. To the extent a spectator is acting in contravention to the NCYTA Code of Conduct and good sportsmanship in general, that spectator may be reprimanded by game officials. Additionally, coaches aware of such bad behavior will intervene and ask the behavior to stop. To the extent it persists, coaches will ask the offending spectator to leave the gym. If a spectator is asked to leave two games in the course of a season, the spectator will not be permitted to attend any more games that season.

Player misconduct:

Player behavior is the responsibility of each team's coaches. To the extent that a player is behaving in a manner inconsistent with the NCYTA Code of Conduct, the coach is expected to remove the player from the game and correct the behavior. If the behavior persists, the player may be benched for the remainder of the game at the sole discretion of the coach.

All players, coaches, and parents are required to affirm their understanding and agreement with the NCYTA Code of Conduct at the beginning of each season.