

THE PAOLI WILDCAT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PLAYERS, COACHES & PARENTS

INTRODUCTION

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play, and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, referees and spectators, **THE PAOLI WILDCAT BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PWBL)** has established the following Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of all PWBL participants: players, coaches and parents. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all participants. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as PWBL's standard for behavioral evaluation.

All program participants are obligated to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all PWBL sponsored activities.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES & PARENTS

Players, parents and coaches shall unconditionally support PWBL's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, integrity, loyalty, and respect for authority. In order to adhere to these principles:

Players agree to...

- Be sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of their teammates and opponents.
- Respect all coaches, players, league officials, referees and spectators.
- Obey all rules and regulations outlined in the Code at all PWBL sponsored events, which include but are not limited to, games, practices, fundraisers, tournaments, and league play.
- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- Notify the coaching staff in advance of scheduling conflicts and absences due to sickness, illness or injury.
- Follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- Follow team policy as established by the coaching staff.
- Treat all public property/facilities (home and away) with respect and clean-up after themselves.
- Represent PWBL with pride, dignity, and good sportsmanship.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any PWBL athletic event.

Players shall not...

- Question a call or decision made by any referee, official, or coach.

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any player, either teammate or opponent.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any PWBL or league equipment or property.

Coaches agree to...

- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests, health, and well-being of the players.
- Be sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of all players.
- Be positive role models.
- Maintain open lines of communication with all players, parents, and PWBL officials.
- Display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Do their best to provide the players with a positive experience.
- Treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches, referees and league officials with respect.
- Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Remain under emotional control at all times.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the PWBL Board of Directors.
- Teach the game of basketball to the best of their ability.
- Attend a mandatory PWBL coaching clinic.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any PW athletic event.

Coaches shall not...

- Tolerate any behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a player.
- Question a referee's call.
- Engage in any behavior (e.g., shouting-out in anger, using profane or mocking language, making physical gestures, etc.) that could be considered unsportsmanlike, confrontational, threatening, or demeaning to any player, referee, coach, spectator, volunteer or league official.

Parents agree to...

- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests, health and well-being of the players.
- Be positive role models.
- Display and instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Be respectful of the coach's authority.
- Treat all players, coaches and referees fairly and with proper respect.
- Make certain that their children show respect for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by PWBL.
- Inform the coaching staff of any injury, disability, or ailment that may affect the safety of their child or other participants.
- Provide for the timely drop-off and pick-up of players at practices, games and other

PWBL events.

- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any PWBL athletic event.

Parents shall not...

- “Coach” or “officiate” from the sidelines.
- Question a referee's call.
- Question the playing time of a player.
- Engage in any behavior (e.g., shouting-out in anger, using profane or mocking language, making physical gestures, etc.) which could be considered unsportsmanlike, confrontational, threatening, or demeaning to any player, referee, coach, spectator, or league official.
- Allow family members (children) to be unsupervised in the hallways or other gyms during a game.

CONSEQUENCES

The PWBL Board of Directors unconditionally supports the principles and behavioral guidelines established in the Code of Conduct, and violations will be strictly enforced.

Any person violating the Code of Conduct may be subject to administrative action by the PWBL Board of Directors. Administrative actions shall be appropriate to the circumstances and nature of the violation(s) and may include, but are not limited to, a reduction in player playing time and/or the termination of the violator's privilege to participate in, or attend, any PWBL sponsored activity.

All violations of the Code of Conduct shall be addressed on an individual basis and in accordance with a procedure established by the PWBL Board of Directors. Violations shall be addressed in a fair and timely manner. Administrative actions for failure to comply with the Code of Conduct are at the sole discretion of the PWBL Board of Directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/We agree to abide by the PWBL Code of Conduct.

PLAYER NAME (PRINTED) & SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT NAME (PRINTED) & SIGNATURE DATE