

Hawley Youth Basketball Association

Parental Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child and his/her team participating in youth sports by following this Parental Code of Conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, parents, coaches, officials, and HYBA members at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events. Not abiding by this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the HYBA and its functions.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults and to have a “team-first” mentality.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will insist that my child treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability.
- Berating, humiliating, or taunting our coaches, participants, or spectators when in attendance at an event or at any other time in a public forum, including social media, will not be tolerated to any degree.
- I will follow all expectations set forth by the HYBA in regards to the schedules and inclusion of athletes for 5v5 tournaments within the HYBA season.
- I understand that issues may arise throughout the season. I will communicate with the coach and the HYBA organization in the following manner:
 - It is the expectation of parents not to approach coaching staff in a demanding, aggressive, demeaning, or negative manner.
 - It is the expectation that parents who bring issues to the coach’s attention will have a constructive recommendation(s) to present to the coach when the issue(s) is/are discussed.
 - Meetings with the coaching staff are expected to be positive, constructive, and in the best interests of the TEAM and the HYBA as a whole.

- It is the expectation that parents address issues to coaches in a venue, manner, and time that will not detract from the mission of the HYBA. This includes but is not limited to not speaking in front of the participants, not speaking to a coach during a practice or tournament/game day about the issue(s) and speaking to the coach confidentially.
- It is the expectation parents will not demand answers to their inquiries/issues at the time they are raised. It is an unrealistic expectation that coaches will have the answers to any and/or all issues that may arise. HYBA coaching expectations include responding to all parental inquiries promptly.
- In the event a parent and/or parents feel mediation is necessary to address issues that the coach either hasn't addressed or in the opinion of the parent(s), do not feel the issue was addressed to their satisfaction will follow the "chain of command" notifying the HYBA Board. By doing so, this will initiate the HYBA mediation process.
 - Chain of Command:
 - Contact Coach (5-day period)
 - Contact HYBA Board
- Consequences for not meeting expectations of HYBA carried out by the HYBA Board. Consequences will be dealt with on an individual basis.
 - 1st Offense: Written and Verbal Warning
 - 2nd Offense: Will not be allowed to attend 1 tournament
 - 3rd Offense: Offender will no longer be allowed to attend functions
 - If the offender does not agree to comply, their athlete will not be allowed to participate in the HYBA
- I will follow the parental expectation(s) as set forth by the HYBA.
- I agree that I have read, understand, and will follow all rules, expectations, and guidelines set forth by the HYBA.

Parent Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Date

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