

Student Athlete's Code of Ethics

As an athlete, I understand that this is my responsibility to:

- **Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches** – be encouraging and thoughtful with your words and actions.
- **Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials** – these are people here to help because someone helped out when they were your age. They won't get it right every time – but nobody is perfect. Be concerned with things you can control – like your actions, words, and hustle. The only time you should talk to a referee or official is if they ask you a question, or to thank them for doing one of the most difficult jobs in sports. If you have a question on a referee's call – ask your coach for clarification, not the referee.
- **Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the court.** Act decently and never intimidate or belittle those around you. Cheating is never acceptable. Help up teammates and opponents if they fall to the ground. Use encouraging words instead of negative words – for example instead of saying “Tommy – you're in the wrong spot for the offense!”, try saying “Tommy – remember you start over here – you got this!”
- **Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, or making culturally biased or stereotypical comments, and other offensive language and gestures.** This is pretty easy to understand – just don't do it – like, Ever! Even if you hear adults say things like this, it's not cool. Be better. We will **NOT** take it lightly if you decide to break this rule.
- **Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.** Make sure you know the rules – there are quite a few. Ask questions of your coach if you're unsure. And be open to learning.
- **Maintain a high level of safety awareness** – for yourself and those playing and practicing with you. Basketball is a contact sport – without pads to wear or a soft floor to land on. Bumps, bruises, cuts and scrapes happen. Don't add to them by being over aggressive or goofing around doing things you shouldn't be doing.
- **Respect all equipment and facilities and always act safely and appropriately.** Basketball is a pretty inexpensive sport to play – but we need to take care of the basketballs, uniforms, the courts we play on, and the buildings/hallways we use.
- **Win with character, lose with dignity.** – Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in consequences from coaches and the NUBBA board, including dismissal from practices or games, or even suspension from the association.

I have read these rules, and pledge to follow all to the best of my abilities.

(Name)

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