



## HCYP Basketball's Code of Ethics

***The goal of HCYP Basketball is to provide a positive environment for its participants through basketball. HCYP Basketball emphasizes the importance of building a participant's self-esteem and confidence, teaching them sportsmanship and teamwork, and fostering social and moral development.***

## Coaches Code of Ethics

### All Coaches Shall:

- Be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning

above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media and the public.
- Strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- Take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
- Avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- Promote the entire interscholastic program of the league and/or the school or community and direct his or her program in harmony with the total program of the league, school or community program.
- Master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members.
- Not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with the community, cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and league administrators.
- Respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is not only unethical, but may result in immediate sanctions by HCYP Basketball.

- Meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
- Not exert pressure on any governing community organization, league administrator, parent or related school faculty members to give any player special consideration.
- Refrain from scouting opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

## Players Code of Ethics

### All Players Shall:

- Play for their own enjoyment (i.e., not just to please coaches or parents).
- Be encouraging and supportive of all team-mates (i.e., through positive and constructive encouragement and communication).
- Be willing to accept constructive criticism from their coaches.
- Push themselves to improve by practicing hard with 100% commitment (i.e., by training with 100% intensity, focus and effort).
- Push themselves to improve by playing hard with 100% commitment (i.e., by playing games with 100% intensity, focus and effort).
- Play each game for the team's benefit (i.e., by playing unselfishly and not for their individual benefit).

- Play fairly, with composure and self-discipline, and not willfully break the rules of basketball (e.g. by committing deliberate fouls).
  - Accept that court time is earned through attitude and effort, and that coaches will do their best to ensure equal court time for such players.
  - Respect referees and officials by accepting calls graciously.
  - Show good sportsmanship by interacting with referees, officials, opponents and opposition coaches in a professional, good humored manner (e.g., by offering a hand to help opponents up from the floor after a foul is given and by shaking the hands of all opposition players at the end of each game with positive eye contact).
  - Respect the use of all facilities by not damaging property (e.g. floors, balls, lights, etc.).
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