



Howard County Youth Program (HCYP) Volunteer Basketball Coach Application

(This form must be completed by any applicant 18 years of age or older. A background check will be conducted bi-annually)

Position Applying For: Head Coach [] Assistant Coach [] Other []

Team Level: MS Boys Varsity [] MS Girls Varsity [] MS Boys Junior Varsity []
Travel Boys Varsity [] Travel Boys Junior Varsity [] Travel Girls Varsity [] Travel Other []

Applicants Personal Information (Please Print Clearly):

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Present Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____ Social Media: _____

Have you coached with HCYP Basketball Leagues before? [] Yes [] No

If Yes, Which team? _____

Have you coached with another Youth Basketball League before? [] Yes [] No

If Yes, Where? _____

Have you ever played the sports for which you are applying? [] Yes [] No

If Yes, What level?

*These questions must be answered honestly, take your complete history into consideration. Any discrepancies will be grounds for disqualification.

1. Have you ever been convicted of, or pled "guilty" or "no contest" ("Nolo Contendere") to, any crime, felony or misdemeanor? [] Yes No [] (Note: answering yes will not necessarily result in disqualification) If yes, what was the disposition? _____

2. Have you ever had a problem with alcohol or drugs? [] Yes No [] If yes, explain _____

3. Have you ever been involved with child abuse or neglect? [] Yes No [] If yes, explain _____

Volunteer Youth Coaching Agreement

I understand that my responsibilities as a volunteer youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following **rights of young athletes** to the best of my ability. **The right to:**

- Participate in sports.
- Be treated with dignity.
- An equal opportunity to strive for success.
- Receive qualified adult leadership.
- Play as a child and not as an adult.
- Have fun in sports.
- Share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport.
- Participate in a safe and healthy environment.

I, _____ promise to conduct myself in accordance with the HCYP MS Basketball League Coaches Code of Ethics. **Coach Initials** _____

HCYP BASKETBALL COACHES' CODE of ETHICS

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or a negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contacts with athletes, officials, parents, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal, the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all HCYP MS Basketball League Coaches:

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach **must** always consider the personal safety of the athlete.
3. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, HCYP Coaches Manual, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.
4. Game officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials. **Public criticism of the officials or players is unethical.**
5. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the contest, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event
6. Coaches **shall** actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
7. Only the **Head Coach** of the team is permitted to stand at the player's bench.
8. Only the **Head Coach** of the team is permitted to address Officials in a respectful manner. If the head coach receives a technical foul or a member of his coaching staff or players bench receives a technical foul, the head coach will lose the coaches box for the remainder of the half (be seated).

Any additional technical fouls issued by be **subject to ejection**. Ejection will result in one (1) game suspension for the coach, subject to review by the league commissioner for further disciplinary action.

Coach Initials: _____



HCYP BASKETBALL COACHES' PLEDGE

As a coach, parents have placed their children in your care. You will be playing a key role in their development and many of the memories they make while playing on your team will stay with them a lifetime. It is important to understand that your words and actions will have an impact on how these children view sports, competition, their teammates and most importantly – themselves.

1. I will remember that we are youth basketball coaches and that the game is for the children not the adults. I understand children participate in basketball to have fun and learn the game. Winning is secondary.
2. I will be a positive role model for the children, encouraging sportsmanship, showing respect and courtesy and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
3. I will remind our team and fans to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, both when winning and when losing.
4. I will not ridicule or berate any child for making a mistake but will encourage them to learn from their mistakes and strive to continuously improve.
5. I will teach our players both the rules of the game and the league rules. I will make our player's parents aware of the rules. I will abide by the letter of the rules and the spirit of the rules.
6. Our team will play by the rules and abide by both the letter and spirit of the league rules.
7. I will never harass, ridicule or criticize officials, players, opposing coaches or spectators either directly or indirectly at any time. If necessary, I will inform our player's parents and fans that this behavior is unacceptable.
8. I will not use profane language or gestures.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire we may have to win.
10. I will communicate with parents regarding practices, games, and other team & league matters.
11. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
12. I will abide by the rules and policies of the Howard County Youth Program (HCYP) Basketball League.
13. I understand that I am subject to the procedures outlined in our zero tolerance disciplinary policy were I to violate any of these rules.

Coach Initials _____



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HCYP BASKETBALL PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are responsible to ensure that all of their players' parents receive a copy of this Parent Code of Conduct, sign it and return to the head coach as part of each player's team registration requirement.

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
2. I (and my guests) will follow the rules and regulations of the Howard County Youth Program (HCYP) Basketball League.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any referee, coach, player or parent, such as booing or taunting, refusing to show sportsmanship (including gestures like post game handshakes) ; or use profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players.
6. I will never harass, ridicule or criticize officials, players, opposing coaches or spectators either directly or indirectly at any time, before, during or after games or practices.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, referees and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
10. I will be responsible for any children attending the games in my care, and will maintain visual contact with any minor children in my care at all times (no minor children are allowed in the gym or school hallways with parental supervision).
11. I understand that violations of the Parent Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action outlined in the Zero Tolerance Policy.

Coach Initials: _____

[Below for Player's Parents Only]

Player's Full Name (First, Last) : _____

Player's Parent's Name (First, Last): _____

Player's Parent's Name #2 – as applicable (Frist, Last): _____

Parents Signature #1: _____

Parents Signature #2: _____



**For HCYP Basketball Coaches, Player's and Parents
HCYP, Inc.**

HCYP Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy

HCYP Basketball enforces a zero-tolerance policy for violations of its Parent's Code of Conduct and Coaches' Pledge as presented hereto, collectively referred to as The HCYP Basketball Codes of Conduct and Ethics. Violations of The HCYP Codes of Conduct and Ethics by spectators, coaches and/or players shall be subject to corrective action as outlined below:

1. If during the game, the league commissioner, referee, or league official observes behavior that violates The HCYP Basketball Codes of Conduct and Ethics, a warning shall be issued to the individual or individuals involved to immediately discontinue the offending behavior.
2. If the individual or individuals persist with the offending behavior, they will be asked leave the game (they must exit the facility) and will be subject to a minimum suspension of one game. Play shall not continue until the offending individual(s) has/have left the game and exited the court and immediate gym area).
3. If the behavior takes place following a game or at any other time, the individual or individuals involved will be ask to leave the premises immediately. Failure to do will result in an automatic one game suspension.
4. Any individual violating The HCYP Basketball Codes of Conduct and Ethics may be subject to a full year suspension and a requirement to appear before the HCYP Disciplinary Council before being allowed to return to any games or practices.

Print Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions regarding Howard County Youth Program (HCYP) Middle School and/or Travel Basketball Leagues contact:

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