



Special Emphasis on Zero Tolerance

HCYP Basketball has a ***zero-tolerance policy*** for unacceptable conduct by all its participants including players, coaches, spectators and score table personnel. In the event any player or coach receives two technical fouls during any given game – or one flagrant technical foul (including but not limited to vulgarity, fighting, retaliation, obscenity or obscene gestures), ***the player or coach shall be ejected from the game and must leave the gym and surrounding area.*** Depending on the severity of the violation, additional suspensions may be added to this suspension including expulsion from HCYP Basketball. This is also a standard NFHS rule on which HCYP Basketball rules are based. ***In addition***, at a minimum, the coach or player shall be suspended from participation in the next game that is played by the affiliated team. ***Flagrant disqualifications*** are addressed below.

Any spectator who engages in threatening, obscene, or such behavior as to inhibit or hamper the game from being played and that impedes the health and safety of any player, coach, referee or other spectator, shall be suspended for at least one game with possible permanent expulsion based on the severity of the disturbance.

If any player, coach or spectator has an issue with any aspect of the game, including performance of the referees, they must address it ***ONLY*** with the league commissioner who will follow the proper course of action. Confronting or complaining to referees at any time before, during or after a game is played is not acceptable and shall be dealt with according to this zero-tolerance policy. Any sense or threat of immediate hazard, risk or safety must be immediately reported to the referees, coach or school personnel on duty so that the game may be stopped and the situation immediately addressed.

Coaches' Responsibilities and Flagrant Disqualifications: All coaches are responsible for upholding the values, rules and policies of HCYP Basketball and must represent those values at all times. While a coach is disqualified and ejected for being assessed the maximum number of non-flagrant direct and/or indirect technical fouls, disqualifications for flagrant violations can result in permanent expulsion from the league.

Such flagrant violations can be committed before, during and after games and practices at any time. These violations are defined as, but not limited to: fighting or any related physical altercations; improper or aggressive behavior or harassment – including use of lurid profanity – towards or treatment of players, officials, spectators or other coaches; refusing to leave and staying away from the gym after non-flagrant disqualification; making threats – implied or explicit – at any time towards players, referees, spectators or other coaches; any conduct that is deemed immoral or unacceptable decorum that unhealthfully and negatively impacts the morale of any individuals engaged in the games or practices and the integrity of the positive values of the sport as administered by HCYP Basketball.

Such violations shall result in the immediate disqualification from an HCYP Basketball Recreation or Travel School Team League as a coach for the current year and the following year. If ejected from a game for a flagrant violation as described in this policy, the immediate and permanent expulsion shall be administered by the supervising commissioner of the league. Any coach who receives this permanent disqualification may seek arbitration with the over-arching program commissioner and the Director of Basketball operations to overturn or lessen the penalty. The decision of this arbitration, if requested, shall be final.

HCYP Basketball and all of its volunteers are committed to providing youths and their families a wholesome, learning and productive experience through the sport, with everyone working together to constructively resolve all issues when they arise.