

BELLINGHAM YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Bellingham Youth Basketball Association (BYBA) is committed to the exhibition of sportsmanship and ethical behaviors in and around all games and practices played under its sanction. All games must be safe, fair, controlled and orderly for all players, officials, and fans alike.

Unsportsmanlike behavior and violence in any form will not be tolerated by BYBA in games or practices. The rules and regulations shall focus upon the responsibility of the coach to teach and demand high standards of conduct and to enforce personally the rules and regulations set forth by BYBA.

BYBA requires that the following code of ethics be issued to and signed by each head and assistant coach, each season, as a guide to govern their behavior. The penalty for failing to sign a copy of this policy will be to restrict the coach from participating BYBA programs.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

- i. Be courteous at all times with players, opponents, game officials and fans.
- ii. Exercise self-control on the court before, during and after games.
- iii. Be responsible for the sportsmanlike conduct of his or her players on the team.
- iv. Explain to the parents that they are to respect the decisions of the referees and the play of both teams in a sportsmanlike manner.
- v. Be familiar with all rules of the game.
- vi. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- vii. There shall be no use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs at BYBA programs.
- viii. Win with character, lose with dignity.
- ix. Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to
 - a. Verbal warning by official, league director and/or head of BYBA;
 - b. Written warning
 - c. Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by BYBA
 - d. Game forfeit through official
 - e. Season suspension, restriction from coaching for BYBA
- x. In addition to the above, the following specific behaviors are unacceptable and disciplinary action will in the hands of the ruling officials.

Unacceptable Behaviors Disciplinary Action

Vehement argument with officials or opposing coaches First occurrence in game, 1 Technical Foul. Second occurrence in game, Technical Foul and removal from game. Incidents will be reported to the BYBA Board and may result in dismissal from league.

Using offensive or profane language, throwing balls, clipboards, or other equipment on sidelines or onto court, 2 Technical fouls is immediate removal from game. Incidents will be reported to the BYBA Board and may result in dismissal from league.

In addition, please see updates to our "Conduct" section of our by-laws:

Coach Behavior and Responsibility: Coaches are responsible for ensuring that all members of the team and their fans practice good sportsmanship before, during and after the game, practice, or any BYBA sanctioned event. Support the referees and refrain from making derogatory comments towards them. Refrain from actions or words that undercut the self-esteem of players from their own team and opposite teams. Do not allow your players to make derogatory comments towards other players/officials. NO trash talking. Support post-game nice game exchange between players and coaches. Good sportsmanship includes avoidance of unnecessary rough and dirty play. Players, coaches and referees should all strive in this regard. Dirty play will not be tolerated.

Coach Misconduct: If a referee determines that a coach is in violation of proper behavior, both referees will stop play and inform the coach that he/she is not in line with proper conduct. The referees will continue to utilize technical fouls for inappropriate behavior, and all rules pertaining to coach suspension for two technical fouls will be in effect, officials will enforce By-Laws when a coach or assistant coach receives a technical foul. If, in the judgment of the officials, a coach's conduct is extremely out of line, they will file a report to the Referee Director who in turn will contact the league Vice President to review the situation. The President will be consulted and a determination will be made whether further action needs to be taken. Executive Board will be convened if necessary.