



Saturday Youth Basketball Player Code of Conduct

A Message from the Program Directors:

Portland Parks & Recreation partners with Portland Public School to provide an atmosphere conducive to the academic enrichment of all students. The Sports Office will support recommendations from school administrators as it relates to participation in this program. Children who have failed to maintain acceptable academic progress, or are experiencing discipline problems may be suspended from play.

Coaches and parents who maintain communication throughout the season are able to discuss issues as they arise. Every coach should hold a pre-season meeting for parents to attend, exchange information and discuss behavior and academic expectations. In addition, each parent should find a way to be involved with the overall operation of the team. No coach should feel the entire weight and responsibility to coordinate team rests only on his or her shoulders.

Every team requires volunteers to assist the coach. This includes team parents, scorekeepers, timers, assistant coaches and all can act as positive examples of good sportsmanship.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

(To be completed by each player)

1. **I understand that participation in this league is a privilege.** I can be removed from the program at any time for failure to follow league, school, and/or Portland Parks & Recreation rules.
2. **I understand that my participation in this program is dependent upon my classroom performance.**
 - My schoolwork and attitude comes first! I will keep up my grades and conduct myself positively. (This will carry over to the basketball court and make me a better team player).
 - If I don't attend school, I will not attend practice.
 - If I am suspended from school, I will not be allowed to participate in practices, games or other league events until the terms of the suspension have been completed.
 - If I am expelled from school, I will no longer be allowed to participate in the program.
 - I will be drug, alcohol and tobacco free and encourage others to be so as well.
3. **I agree to be respectful of my teammates, coaches, program staff, officials and parents at all times.** I will be a courteous program participant and a player who makes my coach and teammates proud.
4. **I agree to show up to practice no earlier than 5 minutes before my scheduled practice time and to be picked up immediately after my practice ends.** I will make transportation arrangements before each practice.
5. **I understand that the school building is closed to all students at 4:30 PM on school days.** Except for the gym during my scheduled practice time, the school building is off limits to me after 4:30 PM.
6. **I agree to follow my Coach's instructions.** Team coaches coordinate and supervise team practices and games and are responsible for the safety of the team. By choosing not to follow directions I seriously jeopardize my chance to participate.
7. **I understand that practices are for team players only.** Siblings and friends will not be allowed in the building unless School Staff and/or the Community School Director grants permission before practice begins. Observers will stay seated in the bleacher area. There are *no* exceptions.
8. **I understand that no student(s) is permitted in the gym without an approved adult supervisor.** Approval must be secured by School Staff and/or the Community School director. This is a school district rule and there are *no* exceptions.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE LEAGUE RULES LISTED ABOVE.

Player's Name

Player's Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Coach's Signature

Today's Date