

## **Sportsmanship Code**

The Wilson Youth Basketball Association (WYBA) exists to provide opportunities for youth to participate in basketball activities under conditions that are safe, enjoyable and in accordance with the organization's Mission Statement. Any conduct that interferes with the ability of a youth participant, volunteer, or supporter to facilitate or participate in these opportunities is detrimental to every one of us and to the organization as a whole. Coaches and parents are encouraged to discuss this policy and WYBA's expectations for appropriate conduct with all youth participants.

Any participant, coach, volunteer, parent or supporter who engages in harassing, discriminatory or other objectionable behavior is subject to consequences for their actions, including suspensions and possible termination of the individual's relationship with WYBA and removal from the program. All disciplinary action will be determined by the WYBA Board of Directors.

The following guidelines reinforce that the behavior of anyone involved in WYBA should not detract from the youth's enjoyment of the sport.

### **COACHES:**

1. Encourage athletes in a positive manner; use the appropriate language to support an athlete's efforts.
2. Set an example of good conduct; maintain a wholesome and friendly rivalry between teams.
3. Treat all with respect and dignity. Do not shout or make derogatory comments to athletes, coaches, parents, spectators or officials.
4. Be humble in winning and gracious in defeat.
5. A friendly handshake or positive comment to the opposing coach should be exchanged after a game regardless of the outcome.

### **ATHLETES:**

1. Treat opponents with respect and dignity.
2. Give only constructive criticism and positive encouragement to teammates.
3. Do not swear or argue about an official's decision. Arguing includes body language or speech directed at a referee indicating disagreement with the decision.
4. Play by the rules, play fair, play hard.
5. Behave with honesty, straightforwardness and a dignified attitude when others do not play fairly.
6. All teams at the conclusion of a game should exchange a handshake or cheer.



**PARENTS/SPECTATORS:**

1. Remain in the appropriate spectator area(s) at all times during games. Unless requested by your child’s coach and/or a game official during a stop in play, do not come on to the court for any reason.
2. Make only positive comments to athletes, coaches, parents and officials. There is no place in youth sports for booing and criticizing judgments made by the officials, arguing with other parents in the stands, arguing with or making negative comments to coaches from the stands, or making negative comments about or to any player.
3. Parents should not interfere with their child’s coach or direct their child’s play from the stands. They must be willing to give responsibility for their child to the coach during practices and games. Parents should address concerns or questions about their child’s development with the coach either by telephone or privately before or after a practice if time permits.
4. Parents/spectators should not direct any comments or concerns about the officiating of the game or style of play to the referees or to any player at any time during or immediately following a game. Any concerns about a referee or a player should be directed through the coaches, who shall direct those comments to the appropriate coach, player, parent or WYBA board member.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE <sup>P</sup><sub>SEP</sub> CONDUCT:**

1. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the team members, parents, and spectators. Any coach, youth participant, parent or spectator who demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct is subject to a technical foul for their team; removal from the facility by a game official, gym coordinator or WYBA board member; and appropriate disciplinary action as designated by the league and/or WYBA.
2. If a coach or an athlete receives a technical foul, or a flagrant foul, for unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e. abusive language or unsportsmanlike acts), the offending individual will receive a minimum one-game suspension. If a coach is ejected from a game, the offending individual must leave the facility immediately. If an athlete is ejected from a game, the athlete must remain on the bench. If a parent or spectator is ejected from a game, that person must leave the facility immediately. Ejections of any kind are subject to additional disciplinary measures as directed by the rules of the governing body of the league in which the game is played, i.e. TRYBL or PP&R. Additionally, coaches may consult with the WYBA President regarding

Participants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_