Parents or Spectators Code of Conduct McLean Youth Basketball 2023-2024 Season

This Code of Conduct has been approved and instituted by the Board of McLean Youth Basketball, September 2023

# CONDUCT OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MCLEAN YOUTH BASKETBALL

Sportsmanship among the Coaches, players, referees and fans is a fundamental part of all McLean Youth Basketball (“MYB”) activities. Inappropriate behavior by any participant in MYB Basketball, including spectators, players, coaches and referees, will not be tolerated at any time, for any reason.

* 1. To assure that sports are a setting where personal character (including integrity, respect, responsibility, and fairness) are built, a safe environment, sportsmanship and fair play must be held above all other values
	2. Every participant (coaches, players, spectators or referees) is expected to be fully familiar with the MYB Code of Conduct
	3. Every participant pledges to fully abide by the MYB Code of Conduct as described below in every interaction and understands that any failure to abide is subject to temporary or permanent banishment from any MYB sponsored event
	4. The conduct of all MYB participants is subject to review by the Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee (see Section II below).

#  Parents and all Spectators Personal Conduct

* + - * It is the responsibility of spectators to be role models for the players and support MYB’s goal of good sportsmanship at all times and without exception. Parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate through their actions that positive sportsmanship and the emotional and physical well-being of their players has higher value than winning.

# Remember that the game is for the kids, not the adults.

* + - * Parents and spectators must demonstrate in their behavior respect for the opponent and the integrity and judgement of referees at all times – before, during and after a game.
			* Parents and spectator’s noise should not interfere with the ability

of opposing coach to communicate with their players.

* + - * Only positive and supportive comments are expected to be heard from parents and spectators. They should never yell at, taunt, boo, ridicule, be verbally critical or be discourteous to the opposing team’s players, coaches or spectators.
			* Parents and spectators must refrain from all critical verbal comments directed at the referees. Under no circumstances, regardless of any perceived issues with the performance of the referees or opposing coaches, are spectators allowed to communicate or complain to the referees. The only person in the gym allowed to communicate or voice concerns with the referees are the Head Coaches.
			* It is within the power for referees or any designated MYB Gym monitor or representative to remove any spectator from the gym for verbally or physically complaining about calls or decisions by the referees or verbal abuse of the apposing team. A single warning will be given, and then the spectator will be removed from the gym with the next offense. Decisions of referees or gym monitors are final.

#  Parent responsibility for players

* + - * Parents should ensure that their children’s basketball experience is one of fun and enjoyment, and should voice concern to their coach or league commissioner in private (not in front of the players) if they feel that there are issues to address.
			* Parents must take care to not undermine or interfere with the coach’s instruction or directions to the players – before, during and after games. Spectators should refrain from yelling instruction out onto the court during the game.
			* Parents should encourage all participants to be team players.
			* Parents must follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured athlete is ready to play again.

#  Parent behavior towards Referees and other teams

* + - * Under no circumstances are parents allowed to interact with the referees prior, during or after a game. They are not allowed to address the referees in any way, no make negative verbal comments that can be heard by the referees. Any feedback from parents should only be directed to their head coach, who is the only person allowed to address or interact with the referees. There are no exceptions to this policy.
			* Parents are not allowed to have negative or critical interactions with the other team’s coaches or players at any point prior, during or after a game or practice. Parents should direct any feedback to their head coach.

# CODE OF CONDUCT & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

The Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee shall be composed of the Program Chairman, the Referee Coordinator, the Chief Commissioner for the program involved, the League Commissioner for the team/individual involved,

and the House Conduct and Rules Compliance Officer. The Committee shall review and, if necessary, assess penalties for violation of MYB’s Code of Conduct.

#  ​ Mandatory Suspensions

* Any player or Coach ejected from a game due to one or more technical fouls for unsportsmanlike behavior or any flagrant foul is automatically suspended for the teams next scheduled game (including tournament games).
* Referees must notify the Referee Coordinator the day of the game of any such ejections. The Referee Coordinator will notify the appropriate League Commissioner.
* If suspended, a Coach or player may participate in practice but may not participate in the next scheduled game. A suspended player may attend the game and sit with his team but may not wear his team’s uniform shirt. Suspended Coaches may not attend the game.
* There is no review for suspension due to ejection from a game.

#  ​ Mandatory Reviews

* The Committee will review the conduct of any player, Coach or fan that has been ejected from more than one game in a season.

#  ​ Optional Reviews

* The Referee Coordinator, any League Commissioner or Board member may request the Committee to review the conduct of any participant in MYB basketball who they believe is in violation of the Code of Conduct. The Committee will conduct such a review if one member of the Committee believes it is justified.
* Any other participant in MYB Basketball may also request a review by the Committee if he/she feels they are being treated unfairly or that the actions of another participant need to be reviewed. The Committee, at its discretion, may decline to review or take action on any of these situations.

#  ​ Method of Review

* The Committee shall conduct its reviews in any method it deems appropriate but must involve all individuals affected by its review (e.g., the individual under review, Coach, League Commissioner, Referee Coordinator and any other individuals involved in the situation).

#  ​ Penalties

* The Committee shall assess such penalties as it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, verbal or written instructions or reprimands, suspension from games, or the suspension from future participation in MYB activities.
* The Committee is limited to penalties within the current basketball season. Any action which would apply a penalty beyond the current season must be reviewed and approved by the Board. Only the Board can approve and take action against a member of the Board.