

MILFORD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND VOLUNTEERS

INTRODUCTION

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play, and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, referees and spectators, the Milford Basketball Association (MBA) has established this Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of all MBA participants: players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all participants. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as MBA's standard for behavioral evaluation.

The Code is applicable to both the Recreational and Athletic basketball programs. All program participants are obligated to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all MBA-sponsored activities.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Players, parents, spectators and volunteers shall unconditionally support MBA's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, integrity, loyalty, and respect for authority.

In order to adhere to these principles:

Players agree to...

- Be sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of their teammates and opponents at all times.
- Respect all coaches, players, league officials, referees and spectators.
- Obey all rules and regulations outlined in the Code at all MBA-sponsored events, which include but are not limited to, games, practices, fundraisers, tournaments, and league play.
- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- For players in the Athletic Program, understand that they have been granted a roster spot on the basis of a competitive tryout (thereby taking a position that others may have wanted) and make a full commitment to be present at, and prepared for, all practices, games, tournaments, and other events.
- Notify the coaching staff in advance of scheduling conflicts and absences due to sickness, illness or injury as soon as possible.
- Follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- Follow team policy as established by the coaching staff.
- Treat all public property/facilities (home and away) with respect and clean-up after themselves.
- Represent MBA and the town of Milford with pride, dignity, and good sportsmanship.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any MBA athletic event.

Players shall not...

- Question a call or decision made by any referee, official, or coach.
- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any player, either teammate or opponent.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any MBA or league equipment or property.

Parents, spectators, and volunteers agree to...

- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests, health and well-being of the players.
- Be positive role models.
- Display and instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Be respectful of the coach's authority.
- Treat all players, coaches and referees fairly and with proper respect.
- Make certain that their children show respect for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by MBA.
- Inform the coaching staff of any injury, disability, or ailment that may affect the safety of their child or other participants.
- Provide for the timely drop-off and pick-up of players at practices, games and other MBA events.
- Be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free while at any MBA athletic event.

Parents, spectators, and volunteers shall not...

- "Coach" or "officiate" from the sidelines.
- Question a referee's call.
- Engage in any behavior (e.g., shouting-out in anger, using profane or mocking language, making physical gestures, etc.) which could be considered unsportsmanlike, confrontational, threatening, or demeaning to any player, referee, coach, spectator, or league official.

CONSEQUENCES

The MBA Executive Committee unconditionally supports the principles and behavioral guidelines established in this Code of Conduct, and violations will be strictly enforced. Any person violating the Code of Conduct may be subject to administrative action by the MBA Executive Committee. Disciplinary actions shall be appropriate to the circumstances and nature of the violation(s) and may include, but are not limited to, a reduction in player playing time and/or the termination of the violator's privilege to participate in, or attend, any MBA-sponsored activity.

All violations of this Code of Conduct shall be addressed on an individual basis and in accordance with a procedure established by the MBA Executive Committee. Violations shall be addressed in a fair and timely manner. Disciplinary actions for failure to comply with the Code of Conduct are at the sole discretion of the MBA Executive Committee. Decisions of the Executive Committee are final.