

Limestone County Basketball Code of Conduct/Disciplinary Actions

This document presents the expectations for conduct from parents, fans, and coaches for the Limestone County rec basketball program. We will hold athletes, parents, coaches, and fans to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this code of conduct allows Limestone County youth sports to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully before registering your child. Each parent and coach are required to acknowledge this code. **Any family member, friend, acquaintance, associate, etc., that is in attendance** will be held to the same standard and discipline.

Parents (grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, siblings, associates, etc.)

- ❑ I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ❑ I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- ❑ I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.
- ❑ I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use **ANY** profanity.
- ❑ I will model good sportsmanship for all youth participants.
- ❑ I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event.

Coaches

- ❑ I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ❑ I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- ❑ I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning games is secondary to building a positive youth sports experience for my players, parents of my players, and opposing teams.
- ❑ I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a **respectful** tone.
- ❑ I will treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect.

Disciplinary Actions

- If a referee or commissioner at a basketball game has to ask you to leave due to conduct, you will be suspended for (3) basketball games. This does not include a bye week for your team, or a holiday weekend with no games, it is three consecutive basketball games.
 - o Second offense (in same season) – suspended from all youth basketball games county wide for (1) calendar year. Starting from the date of the offense.
- If the police are called on your behalf due to unacceptable behavior, you will be automatically suspended for (1) calendar year, starting from the date of the offense. This could potentially be a lifetime ban if the severity of the offense warrants this.
- If a person is suspended, it is the coach's (of that team) responsibility to make sure that person does not attend, until their suspension is over.
- If a coach plays an ineligible player, they are suspended 3 games.

By signing the below, you are agreeing to abide by the rules discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the code of conduct. This includes ANYONE in your party attending a youth basketball game. A person that has not signed this form is NOT exempt from disciplinary action due to bad behavior.

Parent/Coach Signature

Date