



# Lawrence Township Basketball League

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## Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of youth sports programs is to offer each participant the opportunity to pursue, through competitive sports, the physical and emotional benefits of such activities. Too often the emphasis in sports participation has been placed on winning at any cost. The purpose of the LTBBBL Code of Conduct, to be followed by every participant, is to emphasize good sportsmanship, proper conduct, and full compliance with the rules and by-laws of the Lawrence Township Basketball League. Your child's coach will give you a copy of these rules or please refer to our website.

The LTBBBL Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators. The coaches are solely responsible for the action of their players, parents, and spectators. The LTBBBL Code of Conduct is based on the following principles of sportsmanship:

1. It is expected that all parents and fans will cheer for their team in a positive manner. The LTBBBL will not tolerate negative remarks or gestures to the opposing team or to the officials. Parents/spectators are subject to having a technical foul called by an official on their team for negative comments.
2. It is expected the players will do their best at all times, avoid negative remarks to any player, official or coach, and act in a sportsmanlike manner always, win or lose.
3. It is expected that players will play and coaches will coach their team, not officiate the game.
4. It is expected that the coaches will control their teams and the parents of the players on their teams at all times; although the coaches should make an effort to win and have their players try hard at all times, coaches are required to act in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. No official, player, spectator or coach shall lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, threaten, verbally abuse, or otherwise endanger the safety of any other official, player, spectator, or coach. In addition to forfeiture of the game, violators may be permanently banned from future LTBBBL participation.

We encourage you to cheer for your team, play hard and have fun. However, the LTBBBL will not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior nor will it tolerate those who violate the rules. Parents, coaches, referees, or spectators who violate any of the above will be subject to disciplinary action by the league, including suspension, expulsion and permanent exclusion from LTBBBL participation. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Please give a copy of this code of conduct to each member of your family to read.

Parent/Guardian Signature-Date\_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature\_\_\_\_\_