



# Woodbury Parks & Recreation

## Basketball Code of Conduct

To League Participants and their Parents:

You have signed up to participate in the Woodbury Parks & Recreation Basketball Program. Please note that the league has adopted this code of acceptable conduct in an effort to maintain an effective, safe and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone involved. After reading the information below, please sign and return this form to the team coach.

1. It is unacceptable for any individual to ever strike, shove, threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon any official, any coach/manager, any player or any spectator.
2. It is unacceptable to engage in an abusive, verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the contest area.
3. The only person allowed to question an official's call is the coach. All others are to abide by the official's decision.
4. Good sportsmanship is vital. Demonstrations of unsportsmanlike temper tantrums, the throwing of equipment or other such forceful action will not be tolerated.
5. No one benefits from trash talking; taunting, profane, obscene, or vulgar language, so it will not be tolerated under any circumstances, on or off the contest area.
6. Everyone benefits from positive reinforcement. Rather than criticizing a player for making a mistake – encourage the player by cheering the positives. A player already knows when they've done something wrong. No one has the right to berate that player. Allow the coach to deal with it in a positive manner.

Youth recreational sports programs are supposed to be educational, developmental, competitive, and most importantly – fun! They should be fun for the whole family. This Code is intended to heighten everyone's awareness of the player's right to a stress-free environment to best enjoy and benefit from their athletic experience. Any violation of the above referenced Code of Conduct will be addressed by the affected league and could result in whatever form of discipline deemed necessary by that league.

***Our philosophy is simple: Athletes first. Winning Second.***

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### Do's and Don'ts for Youth Sport Spectators

#### **Do...**

- Cheer for your team
- Show interest, enthusiasm & support for your child
- Control your emotions
- Help when asked by coaches or officials
- Thank coaches, refs & other volunteers

#### **Don't...**

- Leave the spectator area during a game
- Advise the coach on how to coach
- Try to coach your child during the game
- Make negative comments to players, coaches, or refs
- Drink alcohol at games or come to games intoxicated