

## **“ Honoring The Game”**

*The key to providing a positive environment in youth sports is a youth sports culture in which all involved, “HONOR THE GAME.” Honoring the game gets to the **ROOTS** of the matter and involves respect for the **Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates and one’s Self.** You don’t bend the rules to win. You understand that a worthy opponent is a gift that forces you to play to your highest potential. You show respect for officials even when you disagree. You refuse to do anything that embarrasses your team. You live up to your standards even when others don’t. Players and parents **CAN** create a positive youth sports culture so that children will have fun and learn positive character traits to last a lifetime! Together, lets character education a priority.*

*Please read and sign the following forms along with your registration form and return to the Southeast Recreation Department.*

### **The Town of Southeast Recreation Basketball League Player code of Ethics**

If benefits are to be derived from athletics, the highest standard of ethics and sportsmanship must be maintained. The ethics and sportsmanship of the players, coaches, officials and others associated with the game should be exemplary. Everyone participating should conduct himself/herself so that he/she is a credit to the sport.

***“I hereby pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my teammates, my opponents, my coaches and the officials in the TOSE Recreation Basketball League by following this Code of Ethics.”***

- I will treat all players, fans and opponents with respect and dignity
- I will not verbally abuse any coach, player, fan or opponent
- I will **never** verbally abuse an official, **regardless** of the situation
- I will **never** use profane language or gestures, or physically attack another player, coach, official or fan
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect
- I will be a good sport by being positive at all times
- I will accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion
- I will applaud all participants’ efforts – win or lose
- I will learn, understand and appreciate the rules of the game

***I understand that violating this Code of Ethics may have consequences that could cause me to be ejected from a practice or game. If I am ejected, I understand I will be prohibited from participating in the next practice and/or game until I have met with my coach and parents to correct my behavior.***

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Player Name (Print) Player Signature

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Parent/Guardian signature(s) Date Grade Level

**Always remember your actions speak louder than words!**

# The Town of Southeast Recreation Basketball League

## Parent and Coach Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

### *I therefore agree:*

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
- I will inform the coach of any circumstances regarding my child that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard – making my child feel like a winner every time
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning (de-emphasizing games and competition)
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials or coaches at the game. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all Town of Southeast events
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team

***"I therefore pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child participating in the Town of Southeast Recreation programs by following this Code of Conduct."***

***I agree that by violating this Code of Conduct during a practice or game may have the consequences of being ejected from that practice or game. If I am ejected, I will be prohibited from attending the next practice and/or game. And if the problem continues or recurs, I will be prohibited from further participate in TOSE Recreation activities until a meeting has been held with team coaches and the division coordinator(s) to resolve the problems/issues.***

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Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Coaches' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coaches' Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Players Team (grade): \_\_\_\_\_

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