

Town of Sharon Code of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment to all participants. As a parent you play a special role in contributing to the basketball program. Through your cooperation and good example you can help assure that all of the participants have fun, learn, practice good sportsmanship, and develop self-discipline.

The primary goal of the basketball program is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in which your child can develop basketball skills, as well as experience the social benefits of team play. This code of conduct has been developed to give parents some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball and keep the children in the program. This code of conduct applies to all Parents/Guardians involved in our recreation basketball league.

- Encourage your child to participate for their own interest and enjoyment.
- Teach your child to always play by the rules.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or for losing a game.
- Teach your child that an honest effort is more important than a victory.
- Applaud good plays by opposing players as well as your own.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behavior and appearance towards players' coaches, referees and fellow parents/guardians.
- Always conduct yourself in accordance with the true spirit of 'Good Sportsmanship'
- Do not criticize your child, other children, referees or coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- When referring to any of the players on your team or to the opposing team show an equal amount of respect.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Keep children in your care under control.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators and give them signs of respect

Zero Tolerance Policy

Zero tolerance means that certain actions will absolutely not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The Zero Tolerance rule was implemented with the purpose of upholding a healthy and enjoyable environment for the entire Town of Sharon and participants in the programs of the Sharon Recreation Department.

- i. Positive cheering by players, coaches and spectators is encouraged. Any negative cheering/hollering may result in a warning and/or removal from the site, whether it is for or against your team.
- ii. Players, coaches, coordinators or spectators ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next game. A manager or coach who is ejected will be on probation for one (1) year (4 sports seasons)
- iii. Any players, coaches, coordinators or spectators, guilty of profanity, either by word or gestures against other players, coaches, spectators, officials or staff before, during or after a game shall be suspended for the current game and the next two (2) games. If this occurs after a game, the suspension will be for the next three (3) games.
- iv. Anyone guilty of making threatening gestures toward other players, coaches, coordinators, spectators, officials or staff shall receive a two (2) game suspension.
- v. Players, coordinators or spectators, guilty of fighting on the field/court before, during or after games shall receive a two (2) game suspension. The offending players may also be withdrawn from the program. Coaches must never fight under any circumstances. A one-year (4 sports seasons) ban will be imposed against any coach involved in a physical altercation.
- vi. Anyone guilty of pushing, striking or any other physical contact against any player, coach, coordinator, spectator, official or staff shall receive a minimum one (1) year (4 sports seasons) suspension starting at the time of the violation, to a maximum lifetime suspension.
- vii. No use of alcohol on/in town facilities.
- viii. Violations of above rules (i - vii) will result in immediately leaving the premises entirely without any visual or verbal contact with their team for the entire suspension. The Sharon Recreation Department reserves the right to impose a one (1) year to a lifetime suspension for violation of above rules (i - vii) according to the severity of the incident.

The Sharon Recreation Department has zero tolerance for misconduct by a participant or parent while at a Recreation Department program or facility. Any person who wilfully disregards the Sharon Recreation Department rules may be removed from the program and/or have their privileges revoked.

The Sharon Recreation Department holds the right to remove, at anytime, any player, coach, coordinator, spectator or official who disobeys these rules.