

Rules of Conduct for Coaches and Parents

Expectations of Coaches: West Central Community Center - Youth Basketball League requires its coaches to meet certain requirements. The following is a list of the basic requirements:

- A WCCC-YBL coach is a leader of young people. He/she should strive to positively influence his/her players by emphasizing good sportsmanship and team participation.
- A coach should carefully observe all rules. WCCC-YBL follows the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations rules, except in certain circumstances. These rules should be read and understood. The spirit and letter of the rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. A coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- A coach should **never** question a call of an official in a derogatory manner. If the coach has a question, he or she may approach the table and request an official time out. An explanation can be requested of the official. However, if the coach disagrees with the call, then the appropriate rule or page in the rule book needs to be referenced immediately. The final outcome will be accepted without reservation.
- A coach should set an example for the young people that he or she is coaching. Loud, boisterous, and threatening behavior can result in children carrying such behavior into their school and outside life. If the coach is calm, exhibits an attitude of sportsmanship and doing one's best then the young people will quickly take this posture and grow in their ability to produce behavior which is constructive.
- A coach should put the game in perspective. Basketball is a game for the enjoyment and benefit of the young people. It is not the most important thing and should be treated accordingly.
- A coach should exhibit a positive attitude. Blaming the loss of the game on the opposing team, the officials or some factor beyond one's control has no benefit and results in young people developing an attitude of blaming someone else for their shortcomings rather than concentrating on how to improve them.
- A coach must observe the right of the parents. The young people they are coaching are the most important thing in the world to their parents. Be observant of the parents' needs and feelings; show that you have respect for the young people that you are coaching.

Expectations of Parents and Spectators: West Central Community Center - Youth Basketball League parents and spectators are expected to:

- Keep a healthy perspective and understanding of the mission of the WCCC-YBL. Basketball is a game for the **ENJOYMENT AND BENEFIT OF THE PLAYERS**. It is not the most important thing and should be treated accordingly.
- Assist in giving all players a fun, safe and competitive learning experience.
- Be considerate of the efforts of players as well as those charged with managing the conduct of the game (coaches, referees, scorekeepers, etc.). Loud, boisterous, and threatening behavior can result in children carrying such behavior into their school and social life.
- Exhibit a positive attitude. Blaming the loss of a game on the opposing team, the officials or some factor beyond one's control has no benefit and results in young people developing an attitude of blaming someone else for their shortcomings rather than concentrating on how to improve them.