



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please read both the Player's Code of Conduct and the gym rules and make sure that your son understands both. Sign one copy of the Player's Code of Conduct and have your son(s) return only one copy to his coach to make him eligible to play in the Westport Boys Basketball League.

Your signature signifies that both you and your son(s) understand and agree to abide by these rules.

Westport Boys Basketball League

Bylaws

Article IX: Gym Rules

Section 1. All coaches, referees and other League officials shall assist parents, supervisors and gym monitors in ensuring that the following rules are observed.

1. No food or beverages shall be allowed in the gym.
2. No basketballs belonging to spectators shall be allowed in the gyms during scheduled games and practices. Balls shall be confiscated and returned to the owner when they leave.
3. All areas of the schools are off limits except the gym and bathrooms. This includes the parking lot.
4. Players are not to practice or warm up in any area except on the gym floor.
5. Spectators are not to sit on the team benches during the game.
6. Spectators are not allowed at team practices unless specifically approved by the coach conducting the practice.
7. Spectators and teams not playing shall not enter the playing area during timeouts and during half time, nor will spectators be allowed to shoot baskets during team warm-up before games.
8. Parents are responsible for enforcing these gym rules for brothers and sisters of league players. Specifically, if siblings or friends of players come to games, the parents must also stay and assume responsibility for these children.
9. Spectators that use abusive language or who are suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, etc., will be asked to leave the gym and school grounds by the referee and/or coach. Failure to leave as requested will result in the forfeiture of the game by the team that the spectator is with.

Section 2. All players are held responsible for knowing and obeying the contents of the "Players Code of Conduct." Each player will be given two (2) copies and will one copy signed by his parent/guardian and himself and returned to his coach before the first game of the season.

A. Player's code of Conduct and Penalties for Violations

1. No player can commit an unsportsmanlike foul. This includes but is not limited to, acts or conduct such as:
 - a. Disrespectfully addressing or contacting an official or other person involved in the game or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment;
 - b. Using profane or inappropriate language or obscene gestures;
 - c. Baiting, teasing or taunting an opponent; and
 - d. Violent contact such as striking, kicking, kneeing, etc.
2. Any unsportsmanlike foul, intentional or flagrant results in the player being disqualified.
3. Any player disqualified must leave the court immediately or the game can be forfeited.
4. Destruction or misuse of school property results in game disqualification with the possibility of suspension pending the Board of Director's evaluation.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have the right to suspend or expel from the League any player for actions not in keeping with any aspect of the Player's Code of Conduct or for an accumulation of violations, which in and of themselves are not serious enough to merit game suspension or expulsion from the League.

- A. Any player who receives any combination of two (2) game suspensions or ejections must be referred to the Board of Directors immediately after the second such offense. The Board must review the player's conduct and vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority whether to expel the player from the League for the remainder of the season.
- B. A player who receives two (2) technical fouls during the course of the season will receive a two (2) game suspension. If a third technical foul is received in the same season the player is suspended for the remainder of the season.

A player, who has been suspended for any game(s), will be required to sit on the team bench dressed in full uniform during that game(s). If the suspended player is absent for that game, then he will continue to be suspended until he sits the appropriate number of games on the bench in full uniform.

The League's commitment to good sportsmanship and building character in young boys is firm and unequivocal. The Player's Code of Conduct is meant to explicitly express our commitment to these ideals and be vigorously enforced.

Parents are expected to show sportsman-like behavior at all times. Any misconduct directed towards coaches, referees and players will result in the following: **1st offense:** warning from coach; **2nd offense:** technical foul against team; **3rd offense:** removal from gym.

Player's Name (Print) _____

Player's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____