

# YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYER CONDUCT GUIDELINES



The following "Youth Basketball Player Conduct Guidelines" have been adopted by the Spanish Fork City Parks & Recreation Department. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced in the Youth Basketball league. Penalties for conduct violations could carry over from sport to sport.

*It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure all his players know and adhere to these rules. All Youth Basketball Player Conduct Guidelines are enforced before, during and after the game.*

1. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, threaten or be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor or in retaliation upon any official, player, or spectator anywhere on the premises. Officials are required to immediately suspend the player from further play and report such player to the League Director. Such player shall remain suspended until his case has been considered.

**Minimum Penalty:** Suspension for one (1) additional league game and placed on probation for the rest of the season. (Including post season)

**Maximum Penalty:** Placed on suspension for life (from any Spanish Fork Adult Sports Programs), and/or assault charges filed.

2. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of verbally abusive behavior, using profanity or swearing before, during or after a game. **All swear words count, not just the ones you consider swear words!**

**Minimum Penalty:** Technical foul (Must sit out 18 minutes and is asked leave the premises)

**Maximum Penalty:** Discretion of Recreation Staff.

3. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics (before, during or after a game) against the body or person of an opposing player. Officials are required to immediately suspend players from further play and report such player to the League Director.

**Minimum Penalty:** Technical foul and removal from the game.

**Maximum Penalty:** Suspension for two (2) league games and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

4. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official except the coach or captain. Be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent at an officials' decision. Refuse to abide by officials' decisions.

**Minimum Penalty:** Warning and/or Technical Foul (Must sit out 18 minutes and if asked leave the premises)

**Maximum Penalty:** Discretion of Recreation Staff. (Possible Suspensions)

5. Players are prohibited from the use of drugs or alcohol anywhere on a school's / city's property or any playing area. Players who in the opinion of the officials, site supervisor or director appear to have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs, shall be ejected from the game, placed on probation, must meet with recreation staff, and could include possible suspensions.
6. Player technical fouls (these are Technical Fouls for conduct) during pre-season, season, and post-season will be penalized as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Technical:**        **Must sit on the bench for 18 minutes from time of technical and if asked by the official, leave the premises.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical:**        **Must sit on the bench for 36 minutes from time of technical and if asked by the official, leave the premises. Participants will receive a letter from the program director placing the player on probation.**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Technical:**        **Suspension from the remainder of season. No refund will be given!**
7. Anyone caught playing with the rims, jamming the ball, or otherwise abusing the facility will be suspended for a game. This applies before, during or after a game. It is a Conduct Guideline violation if it occurs before or after the game. **Exception:** You may dunk the ball in the course of the game, but you may not hang on the rim unless it is, in the judgement of the officials, to protect yourself. Any player responsible for damage will be charged.
8. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in a forfeit to your team.
9. Players not listed on the official roster (who have paid and signed the waiver form) will not be allowed to play! Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught; will also be suspended for two league games and banned from tournament play. If caught during tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.
10. Throwing, kicking, or slamming basketballs will not be tolerated. This represents disrespect to officials, players, and spectators. Warnings and/or technical fouls will be given.
11. A game may be stopped at any time by the officials, site supervisors, director or program management staff, if the situation warrants.
12. The Recreation staff has final authority over all disputes!