



## WBC COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the goal of Wildcat Basketball Club (WBC) to provide consistent high-quality coaching. While the WBC will help ensure that the necessary resources are in place for coaches to succeed, it is necessary for each individual coach to initiate and maintain compliance. To assist with compliance, WBC has developed this code of conduct and requires each coach to personally abide by it. The code of conduct concepts should be incorporated into team communications, practice plans, game strategies and coaching philosophies.

### • COMPLETE NECESSARY COACH'S REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete Coaching Application Form.
2. Receive approval from the WBC Board to coach.
3. Complete background check form.
4. Review and sign Coaches Code of Conduct.
5. Attend 3 WBC Coach Training with Verona Area School District Boys' Varsity Coach and Youth Coordinator.
6. Conduct practices and coach games following the WBC guidelines.

• **PROMOTE FUN** – Don't get too serious. Winning is a consideration, but not the only or most important one. Care more about the player than winning the game. Remember that children participate to have fun and this game is for youth, not adults.

• **BE PATIENT** – Your players need the freedom to make mistakes on the court and it's your job to help them learn from those mistakes. One or two corrections won't be enough. This will take time and patience.

• **PROMOTE A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE** – Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a game. Do not single out players for criticism in front of their peers. Players need to feel it is safe to try things and okay to fail without risking the wrath of their coach or teammates.

• **MAXIMIZE PLAYING TIME** - Know the Club playing time requirement and adhere to it. Understand that to develop basketball players, all players must gain experience. Give each player the opportunity to play as much as possible.

Club Playing Requirements: SWBL or other league games/scrimmages – each player should play approximately a minimum of 7-10 minutes of each game (one quarter of the game). There is no minimum requirement for tournament games.

• **FOCUS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS** – The Club's policy on player development has a strong foundation in the development of fundamental basketball skills. This decision to focus on the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding and defending is strongly supported and encouraged by the Verona Area High School coaching staff. Wins and losses come and go, but you only get one chance to develop a player's fundamental skills.

• **FOCUS ON DEFENSE** – It is the philosophy of Wildcat Basketball Club to teach defense through the instruction and implementation of the principles of person-to-person defense.

• **UNDERSTAND THE RULES** – Get a rulebook and read it. Identify any special rules or policies of your league.

• **DISPLAY & ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** – Your players will learn from your example. Control your emotions. Avoid actions, language and gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating. Teach your players how to behave after a win or a loss. Teach your players to respect the game officials and their authority. Follow the SWBL seat belt rule that requires coaches to remain sitting on the bench during the game unless calling a time out.

• **RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE REFEREES** – Disputing, challenging, or excessively arguing a referee’s decision is strictly prohibited. Ask questions or seek clarification if you need to, but do it in a calm manner. Set the right tone for your team by never arguing a call or disparaging an official. Do not blame a loss on the officials. Never confront a referee before, during or after a game. If you have a significant issue, contact the WBC. Technicals received from violating these rules within the current season will result in the following disciplinary actions by WBC after further review by the WBC Board of the technical(s) received:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> technical by a coach results in probation
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> technical by same coach results in one game suspension at following next consecutive game (league and tournaments)
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> technical by same coach results in two game suspension at following next consecutive games (league and tournaments)
4. 4<sup>th</sup> technical by same coach results in dismissal from WBC program immediately and under probation for following year

WBC Board has the right to review each circumstance of any technical received and finalize a decision that may be different than the standard recommended process above.

• **BE EVERYONE’S COACH** – All players deserve your coaching at practices and in games. Make the team experience good for all players by letting everyone contribute. If you coach your own child, don’t shine the light on them too much or too little. Treat everyone as equals.

• **TAKE CARE OF THE FACILITY** – Know the building use rules and regulations and make sure the players and spectators follow them. Assign a team parent this responsibility during home games.

• **MAKE A COPY OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT** - Give to the parents on your team. Inform them at the end of the season, they will be asked by WBC to evaluate your coaching based on the points listed in this Code of Conduct.

**I have read and fully understand this Wildcat Basketball Club Coach Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by its requirements and I will incorporate these principles and concepts into my coaching.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_