

CBTBL Manual



2019-20 Season



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Section 1: Introductory Letter

Dear CBTBL Town Coordinator/Coach,

Welcome to the CT Boys Travel Basketball League (CBTBL). On behalf of the CBTBL Governing Board, we thank you in advance for your commitment and the time you will spend coaching your players this season. As a volunteer travel team coach, you are the heart and soul of our basketball program; the ultimate responsibility for its success rests with you.

It is the CBTBL's goals and objectives to do the following:

- a) teach the fundamental skills of the game of basketball;
- b) encourage sportsmanship, unselfishness, and teamwork;
- c) build positive self-esteem by encouraging all players to do their best;
- d) give every team member a chance to play;
- e) enable kids to have fun!

The CBTBL expects its coaches to demonstrate a positive attitude, especially when offering constructive criticism; a good sense of humor on your part can also go a long way toward making kids feel comfortable as they continue to learn. Please keep in mind at all times that your actions on the court should be based on what is best for all players competing, not just our own. The CBTBL expects you to read this document carefully, abide by its instructions & philosophies, and implement its directives.

Success in our program is not solely a function of wins and losses. Ultimately, it is a function of how positive the experience is that you have tried to provide all players. A lost basketball game should never be regarded as a failure, but rather as a new opportunity to learn and improve.

Once again, thank you for your time and commitment to all our youngsters; your selfless devotion and dedication are deeply appreciated. **Enjoy your kids, have fun, and good luck!!!**

Kevin Ericson – CBTBL President
Newington

George Hatzikostas – Secretary
Rocky Hill

Josh Rappaport – Treasurer
Farmington

Josh Rappaport – Website Director
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Section 2: Mission Statement & General Philosophy

The mission of the Connecticut Boys Travel Basketball League (CBTBL) is to provide boys who participate on their town's travel basketball teams with an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game of basketball, develop their individual & team skills, and potentially thrive in a reasonably sized, competitive, safe, and positive environment. Hopefully, all of our youngsters will not only become better basketball players, but they will also become young men of high character and moral integrity. It is also our firm belief that every youngster on a team should have an opportunity to play as long as his attitude and conduct warrants it.

Section 3: CBTBL Governing Board

The CBTBL Governing Board shall be comprised of the eleven Town Coordinators, one from each of the eleven member programs, whose job it is to represent their program on all matters that pertain to membership in the CBTBL. The CBTBL is comprised of the following teams: Newington, Wethersfield, Glastonbury, Farmington, Rocky Hill, Cromwell, Avon, Simsbury, Cheshire, Wallingford, Berlin & Southington; each is to have representation on the Governing Board. The board will conduct business according to Roberts Rules of Order and be directed by a President who job it is to oversee matters of business and direct policy decisions that affect the league. The President will be assisted by a coterie of people in the hope that the organization will function more effectively via appropriate task delegation. Those aides may include, but are not limited to, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Website Director, and/or Legal Counsel. Each league member town will have a single vote in all matters of business. Voting in the ordinary course of business will be handled by a simple majority vote (e.g., 51% of the members); voting on major matters of business will be handled by a 3/4ths majority vote (e.g., 75% or more of the members); the President will have the final say as to whether matters of business are major or minor in nature. It is the hope of the Governing Board that all town members will contribute to the administration of the league in some meaningful way. No board member shall hold more than one office at a time. A Treasurer's Report will be issued regularly.

Section 4: CBTBL Team Rosters

- A. RESIDENCY. Players on a town travel team in the CBTBL MUST be residents of the town on whose team they participate.** Students in private or public schools in a particular town MUST actually reside in that town to be eligible to play on that town's travel basketball team; Town Coordinators may appeal that ruling to the CBTBL Governing Board if there is an extenuating circumstance, and the board will rule on a case by case basis as it sees fit. Any and all decisions by the Governing Board are final. Use of extended family, relatives,, and/or business/government addresses are strictly prohibited. Violations of this rule may result in a team's dismissal from the CBTBL. Players must provide a valid birth

certificate, and proof of residency in that town (e.g. proof may be in the form of, but is not limited to, a rental agreement, property records, drivers' records, and in the case of legal guardians, guardianship documents).

B. AGE/GRADE LIMITS. The minimum grade level to participate in the CBTBL is the fifth grade; the maximum grade level to participate in the CBTBL is the eighth grade. The ages for the grade groupings are considered effective as of the beginning (August 1st) of the upcoming school year and are as follows: (ages are consistent with CIAC HS rules)

5th Grade....a boy can not be more than 12 years of age (<13);

6th Grade....a boy can not be more than 13 years of age (<14);

7th Grade....a boy can not be more than 14 years of age (<15);

8th Grade....a boy can not be more than 15 years of age (<16).

C. ELIGIBILITY LIMITS. Every player in the CBTBL may have only one year of eligibility at each of the four grade levels (5th-8th)*; a player's participation in the CBTBL can not exceed four years total.

D. ROSTERS. A player cannot be listed concurrently on two team rosters. Member towns may place lower grade players on higher grade team rosters, e.g., 7th grader on an 8th grade team. A two grade jump is not permitted (e.g., 6th to 8th). Once placed on higher grade team rosters, that player(s) can not "play down" on lower grade teams, e.g., a 7th grade player listed on an 8th grade team roster, cannot play on the 7th grade team. Each town coordinator shall submit a team roster with names and uniform numbers (home & away) for each team from its town to the CBTBL Governing Board; once approved, the CBTBL will distribute copies of those rosters to the other member teams. Member towns are to use that roster information solely for the purpose of confirming roster eligibility and shall not distribute it for any reason to anyone at any time. Failure to comply with that directive may result in dismissal from the league.

Exception to Section 4. D. Rosters- In the event a town/program cannot field a team with the minimum number of players required by league by-laws (currently 9) the Town Coordinator from that town may petition the League Governing Board for a one season exemption to allow a program to use players from a lower grade roster, from that same town, to "play up" on a rotating basis. The rotation will be limited to a maximum of 5 players per game playing up. No one player will be permitted to play up on more than 9 occasions in a season. It is the responsibility of the petitioning team/program to supply the league with a roster form for each game of the season. This roster will report the participation of players playing up in a higher grade league game and must be presented to the League prior to the start of the league play/ or 7 days prior to each game where rotation is

required. The petitioning team is also required to supply opposing coaches with a roster which coincides with the roster information provided to the league prior to the start of the season. No program will be eligible to petition the Governing Board for this exemption, on behalf of any one of their teams, more than once in any 3 year period. A successful petition of the Governing Board and the granting of this one season exemption will waive the restrictions on playing up only for those players identified on the rotational rosters and will apply to that season only.

E. PERMANENT ROSTER CHANGES. Requests for permanent roster changes must be approved by the CBTBL Governing Board before players are allowed to participate in games on another team's roster. Players no longer on a particular team are to be clearly identified to CBTBL board so that it might notify other member teams.

F. TEMPORARY PLAYERS are not permitted.

G. COACHES. All coaches are to be listed on their team rosters. Only those coaches identified on the roster will be allowed on the bench to coach their town teams. Every team must have at least two, but not more than three, coaches.

H. ROSTER SUBMISSIONS. Rosters must include all information requested by the league; submission of false and/or fraudulent information may result in dismissal from the league. Roster information must be submitted to the CBTBL Governing Board on or by November 10th of the upcoming season for review and approval by the members of the Governing Board. **Teams cannot participate in any CBTBL sanctioned game without prior submission and approval of their team rosters.** Failure to comply with this directive will result in game forfeiture(s) and possible dismissal from the league.

I. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS on a roster (to begin the season) shall be 9 per team; there is no maximum amount of players per team.

Section 5: League Requirements

A. NUMBER OF TEAMS. A member town must submit one team from each of the following grade levels 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, in order to be eligible to participate in the CBTBL. Failure to comply with this standard will result in dismissal from the league. **AAU teams are not allowed in the CBTBL!**

B. SCHEDULE COMMITMENT

1. Each member town must be committed to the CBTBL schedule, i.e. a home and an away game against every other member team. **The schedule is to take priority** over tournaments and supplemental

non-league games. The regular season schedule (constructed prior to the beginning of the season) lists the games to be played on pre-determined dates.

2. It is the hometown coordinator's responsibility to advise the visiting town's coordinator within one week in advance as to the site and time of the scheduled game.
3. Two or more "no shows" during the course of a season (other than for inclement weather, school closings, widespread illness, natural disasters, personal tragedies, etc.) will place a town's membership in the CBTBL in jeopardy for the next season as well as their participation in upcoming post season tournament play. "No shows" on the scheduled dates are to be reported to the CBTBL Governing Board immediately.
4. The CBTBL Governing Board will generate the schedule on a "best effort" basis in order to place all home games in a team's home site, taking into account its stated gym availability. This is normally Saturdays and/or Sundays, but may also apply to weekdays. The League will resolve scheduling/gym availability conflicts by utilizing monthly open dates and the transfer of home dates to a visitor's site if it is deemed necessary. When a regularly scheduled home date is moved to the visitor's site, it will be designated on the schedule by the listing who is the actual home team. In this case, the home team will reimburse the hosting visitors the cost of the referees. Moving game dates due to sudden changes in gym availability must have the mutual consent of both Town Coordinators involved.
5. All regular season games must be played. The schedule must be completed by the designated "end of the regular season" date (established prior to the beginning of the season) so as to accommodate CBTBL post season, tournament play. Failure to do so may have a negative effect on a team's playoff seeding.
6. Member towns playing each other in tournaments may, upon mutual consent, agree to apply those games to the CBTBL schedule, **provided** those games are played under all CBTBL rules, e.g., league roster rules, use of board certified referees, stop time, etc.
7. All scores need to be updated on the website within 48 hours.

C. REFEREES. Only Board Certified referees can be used to officiate CBTBL games.

D. COACHING DECORUM

1. A Coach who is ejected from a game as a result of technical fouls or for some other reason(s) shall be suspended from coaching the next scheduled CBTBL game. The affected Town Coordinator will administer and monitor this suspension.

2. The CBTBL Governing Board shall review the continued eligibility of a coach who receives ejections from two games during a single season. All ejections are to be reported by the Town Coordinator and to the CBTBL Governing Board.
3. Any threatening altercations (be they verbal or physical) with referees, other coaches, players, and/or fans, will result in disciplinary action(s) ranging from a suspension to a dismissal from coaching in the CBTBL. The CBTBL reserves the right to ban a coach from coaching in the league if it deems his behavior inappropriate and/or unacceptable.
4. Coaches should not regard each other as adversaries but rather as colleagues in a common endeavor.
5. Coaches should reflect an understanding of the age group they are coaching/supervising.
6. Coaches should not tolerate or ignore vulgar/ obscene language. "Trash-talking" directed at anyone is prohibited.
7. Coaches should try to be respectful to game officials and site directors as their players are watching and looking to adults to model appropriate behaviors. Basketball is a fast-paced game that requires numerous and instantaneous judgment calls by referees. Coaches and their players should focus on playing the game and let referees concentrate on officiating the game. Constantly critiquing/questioning officials' calls is counter-productive to our league mission and should be avoided. Discussions with game officials should be conducted in a civilized manner.
8. The Head Coach may be off the bench as long as he is coaching or conveying instructions to his players. Assistant coaches should remain on the bench unless something like an injury occurs. Referees have the right to instruct a coach to remain seated on the bench if they deem that coach's behavior inappropriate.
9. At the 5th & 6th grade levels, coaches should not apply backcourt pressure, employ half-court traps, or fast break after their teams have achieved a 20 point lead. At the 7th & 8th grade levels, the number is 25-30. Please remember that humiliation is not one of our leagues' core values; sportsmanship, however, is!!!
10. Individual player "playing time" is determined by each individual town program; they will exercise their discretion in such matters.
11. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches (identified on CBTBL rosters) are prohibited from acting as a game official (referee) in the same venue (school/gymnasium) on the same day that his/her team is scheduled to play in that venue. In addition, Coaches and Assistant Coaches may not act as a game official (referee) in any game involving a team from the same town in which they are listed as a coach/assistant coach.

E. PLAYER DECORUM

1. A player who is ejected from a game as a result of technical fouls or for some other reason(s) shall be suspended from playing in the next scheduled CBTBL game. The affected Town Coordinator will administer and monitor this suspension.
2. The CBTBL Governing Board shall review the continued eligibility of a player who receives ejections from two games during a single season. All ejections are to be reported by the Town Coordinator and to the CBTBL Governing Board.
3. Any threatening altercations (be they verbal or physical) with referees, other coaches, players, and/or fans, will result in disciplinary action(s) ranging from a suspension to a dismissal from playing in the CBTBL. The CBTBL reserves the right to ban a player from playing in the league if it deems his behavior inappropriate and/or unacceptable.
4. Players are not to use vulgar/obscene language. "Trash talking" directed at an opponent or referee is prohibited.
5. Players are not allowed to be disrespectful to game officials and/or site directors. Basketball is a fast-paced game that requires numerous and instantaneous judgment calls by referees. Players should focus on playing the game and let referees concentrate on officiating the game. Discussions with game officials should be conducted in a civilized manner.
6. Players are to remain on the bench during game play. Anyone who leaves the bench and goes on the floor for any reason without the referee's approval may be suspended or dismissed from the league. The Head Coach may be off the bench as long as he is coaching or conveying instructions to his players. Referees have the right to eject a player from a game if s/he deems a player's behavior inappropriate.
7. Please remember that humiliating an opponent is not one of our league's core values; sportsmanship, however, is!!!
8. Individual player "playing time" is determined by each individual town program; those programs are free to exercise their discretion in such matters.

F. PLAYING RULES. High School Federation playing rules will apply in every CBTBL game unless otherwise stated/approved by the CBTBL Governing Board. This includes the placement of scoreboard operators, scorebook keepers, and/or possession arrow operators at the scorers' table adjacent to the players' benches.

G. FACILITY SAFETY. Home teams are required to provide courts that are

appropriate in size and safe in condition; the CBTBL reserves the right to disqualify the use of gyms that it deems inappropriate or unsafe.

H. DEVIATION FROM ESTABLISHED CBTBL RULES. Coaches cannot deviate or mutually agree to disregard CBTBL rules prior to the start of a league game.

I. GENERAL DECORUM. The CBTBL offers the following guidelines to coaches, fans, players, and parents of players in an effort to create a positive and cooperative environment for its member towns.

- a. Coaches, players, and fans are expected to treat opponents, referees, and school property with courtesy and respect; sportsmanship should be our ultimate goal.
- b. Coaches are to lead by example. Coaches can play a central role in promoting and maintaining positive fan behavior; they are to exercise their leadership role appropriately. Head coaches are responsible for the conduct and behavior of all bench personnel.
- c. Positive cheering for one's team is encouraged; negative cheering against opponents is discouraged.
- d. While reports on game incidents are welcomed from coaches, referee reports will prevail in all cases in the subsequent adjudication process.
- e. Visiting teams are to honor rules and regulations of home gym(s), especially as it relates to the prohibition of food and beverages in the gym area.
- f. Sportsmanship needs to be the top priority for all participants and spectators. Referees will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct. Referees and site directors have the right to eject unruly coaches and spectators from the facility.
- g. In the event of an injury, affected parents may come out onto the court after being summoned by the referee and/or site director.
- h. Unruly fan behavior and language at CBTBL games is not in keeping with good sportsmanship, a must in youth sports. Referee reports of such incidents will prevail and will dictate whatever appropriate action needs to be taken by CBTBL Governing Board.

Section 6. CBTBL Individual Program Responsibilities

A. Regular season schedule. Each of the town's member teams (5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th) will play each other twice during the regular season, one home and one away game. The regular season will begin on or about December 1st and should end on or about the last Sunday in the next February. The CBTBL will try to allot at least two weekend dates during the regular season to accommodate makeup games or participation non-league tournaments and games. Please note that members are required to play

their full schedule at every grade level; CBTBL games take priority over non-league games.

- B. Pre-season schedule.** A pre-season scrimmage/jamboree may be scheduled to kick-off the regular season (still under consideration).
- C. Post season play.** The CBTBL will conduct post season play at the 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade levels. Each grade divisions will create a “play-in” round so as to get to a quarter final round of eight teams, with the top three or four teams drawing “byes”. The tournament will then proceed with quarter finals, semi-finals and finals at sites to be determined. The CBTBL will financially support the “finals” games by paying for the costs associated with such an event. See Section #7 for more details.
- D. Gym Directions.** A listing of directions to all members’ gyms will be provided to all league members once that information is submitted to the CBTBL by its member towns.
- E. Communication of Information.** A listing of members Town Coordinators and team coaches with contact information will be provided to all member teams once that information is submitted to the CBTBL by its member towns.
- F. Administrative Support.** The CBTBL can extend organizational support to any member town who requests it. The League may also assist members in attaining gym time from their local governing agencies through written and/or personal support to their appropriate town agencies.
- G. Non-League Games.** Member towns are reminded that the CBTBL schedule takes priority over non-league games.
- H. Number of CBTBL Members.** One of the CBTBL founding principles is that the number of league members would remain manageable and that member teams would play each other twice during the regular season. The number of member teams is limited to twelve.
- I. Replacement teams.** Replacement programs will be considered for membership in the CBTBL once the Governing Board meets to consider items/issues such as, but not limited to, compatibility, size, number of teams, quality of program, etc.

Section 7: CBTBL Post Season Tournaments. All CBTBL members are eligible (and required) to participate in the league’s post season tournaments. The following information outlines the basic format for CBTBL post season tournaments at each grade level (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th); the CBTBL reserves the right to make adjustments to any of its tournaments as it deems necessary, e.g., the CBTBL may decide to substitute a “Jamboree” for a tournament at the 5th Grade level if the league members see fit:

- A. Post Season tournament play will occur over the course of two weekends.
- B. Over the course of the first weekend (say on Saturday for example), the top four teams in each grade division will receive 1st round byes, and the teams ranked 5th through 12th will participate in a play-in round so as to be able to narrow the field of competitors to eight teams; games will be

- played at the site of the higher seeded team, e.g., #12 plays @ #5; #11 plays @ #6; #10 plays @ #7; and #9 plays @ #8.
- C. On the second day of the first weekend of tournament play (say Sunday for example), the tournament will continue in an “Elite Eight” round in which the #8 seed would play @ the #1 seed; the #7 seed would play @ the #2 seed; the #6 seed would play @ the #3 seed; and the #5 seed would travel to play @ the #4 seed.
 - D. On the following weekend (say the second Saturday for example), the tournament will continue with a “Final Four” round in which the #4 seed plays @ the #1 seed, and the #3 seed plays @ the #2 seed.
 - E. That same weekend (say the second Sunday for example) the two remaining teams play for the championship (perhaps at a neutral site? – still under consideration).
 - F. Optional - The league will recognize regular season champs and tournament finalists. The league may select an “All-Tournament” team (to be comprised of five players) and an “MVP”. The league may also decide to sponsor an “All-Star” game (to be comprised possibly of two players from each team) – still under consideration.
 - G. The CBTBL will attempt to cover the costs associated with each of the grade/division finals; individual teams will each cover officiating costs by each paying for one game referee.
 - H. In the event of a tie for a playoff seed, the following criteria will be used to break ties (in the order of their use): a) head to head record; b) common opponents played; c) coin flip.

Section 8. Town Coordinators. CBTBL Member Towns are to identify a Town Coordinator to represent their town on the league's Governing Board. This individual will provide the CBTBL with all relevant information that the league requires of his/her town/teams. The responsibilities of the Town Coordinator are as follows:

- A. Supervise the conduct of players, coaches, and parents associated with that program and see to it that league rules followed by everyone in the program.
- B. The Town Coordinator will be solely responsible for the appointment and participation of each Coach within his/her program. No source other than a duly appointed CBTBL Town Coordinator is authorized to interview, assess, recommend, appoint or otherwise offer a coaching position within the CBTBL at any time. Each Town Coordinator may, at his/her own discretion, seek the counsel of an authorized board within their own organization to assist in the selection process. Based on the recommendation of each Town Coordinator, the CBTBL Approval Board will entertain completed applications and back round checks for consideration of coaching appointments and will have final say in the appointment of Coaches. Any Coach participating in CBTBL regular season and post season games without prior appointment and approval of both their respective Town Coordinator and the CBTBL Approval Board will subject his/her team to automatic forfeiture of games participated in. The CBTBL reserves the right to bar participation of any coach.
- C. Confirm their town's scheduling information (home and away games) with other Town Coordinators within one week prior to the actual game date.
- D. Simultaneously report all four grades' game scores to the CBTBL website within 48 hours; home & away teams should both submit scores.
- E. Relate/distribute all relevant CBTBL information to their respective travel basketball personnel.
- F. Attend CBTBL Governing Board meetings as required and cast votes on items of interest that affect the league.
- G. Advise the CBTBL of any changes/problems/issues that may affect the league's status or competitive play.
- H. Collect, collate, verify, approve, and submit Team Rosters to CBTBL Governing Board.
- I. Supply copies of the CBTBL manual to coaches, players, & parents; that may be accomplished electronically.
- J. Distribute Coach's and Player' Codes of Conduct Contracts, see to it that they are properly signed by all relevant parties, collect them from various teams, and turn them over to the CBTBL Governing Board for approval.

Section 9. General Instructions.

- A. Coaches are to have a copy of the League approved rosters in their possession at every game.
- B. Teams having home and away uniforms are requested to bring both sets of uniforms to games in the event an opposing team has a similar color.

- C. Coaches of member teams should prepare some type of substitution plan to use during the game to insure that each kid gets a chance to play in that game.
- D. The CBTBL highly recommends that towns conduct background checks on members of their coaching staffs. This normally can be accomplished without charge by submitting names and date of births to local police departments and accessing the national sex offender register at www.nsopr.com
- E. For general scheduling questions, contact the League Scheduling Coordinator, _____ at _____ or email: _____**
- F. For reporting game incidents/problems/issues, contact a member of the CBTBL Review Board, _____ at _____ or email: _____** **TBD asap.

Section 10: Protesting Games and/or Grievances

Should a Coach find a need to protest a game or file a grievance, the following procedure is to be used. Calmly notify the game official and/or the Town Coordinator of your intent to do so. The Town Coordinator will submit the protest to the CBTBL Governing Board where it will be reviewed. All decisions by the Governing Board is final. **Protesting of games should be an absolute last resort and avoided if at all possible.**

Section 11. (To be signed) League Policies for Coaches, Players, Parents

(See addenda on final two pages of this booklet for complete copies; policies must be signed and returned prior to November 18th, the official start of the season, or league play will be denied and possible forfeitures applied.)

Section 12. Block Scheduling. The CBTBL would ideally like to schedule games in bundles, i.e., (& in no certain order) 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade games in some time block so as to put facilities to efficient use. Block scheduling also proves to be more useful in trying to secure game officials. The schedule generated is basically for all *four* grades that every participating town is expected to field. Each team will play *every other team* twice.

Section 13: Score Keeping

Scorekeepers and scoreboard operators are to be provided by the individual travel programs when playing games at home. Coaches are urged to develop several reliable team parents to perform these duties. The appointed scorekeeper is to be well versed on maintaining the scorebook. The scoreboard operator should be well versed on the operation of the board, understand referee signals, and knowledgeable of properly setting up and unplugging the controller. Scorekeepers and scoreboard operators must focus on the game and refrain from coaching, cheering, and/or yelling at officials as other regular fans do so as to preserve impartiality and objectivity.

Section 14: Game Postponements and Cancellations

When the weather is questionable, call your appropriate Town Coordinator for a determination of the playing of both home and away games. The decision as to whether or not to cancel games will be determined by the Town Coordinators involved and will be communicated via email (or phone) to all other relevant parties. Due to the number of teams, the scarcity of available gym time, as well as our commitment to the CBTBL, it is critical to make every effort possible to play the games on the day that they are scheduled. ***Postponing games because more talented players are not available is strictly forbidden.*** Coaches should ask parents of players on their teams to avoid (if possible) scheduling vacations over weekends during school vacations as it could negatively affect the CBTBL schedule. Should coaches be not available for a game the head coach is to call his/her Town Coordinator with adequate lead-time to attain a CBTBL approved substitute coach.

Section 15: Amendments to By-laws

These by-laws may be amended at any time that the Governing Board sees fit by a "3/4ths" vote of the league members.

Note: Codes of Conduct Policies are located on the next two pages. Please download, copy, and distribute to all relevant individuals involved in your town travel basketball program. Policies must be signed and returned to the CBTBL Governing Board by all relevant parties on or by November 10th, prior to the official beginning of the upcoming season.

2019-20 Coaches Code of Conduct

With regard to my players: I believe that my role as a coach in the CBTBL is to contribute to the mental, physical, & athletic growth of student-athletes through participation in travel basketball. To that end, I will...

1. Endeavor to be a good instructor and positive role model;
2. Acknowledge winning needs to be kept in its proper perspective and that it never comes before the safety and welfare of my players;
3. Compete within the letter and the spirit of the league rules;
4. Encourage my players to do the same (as #3 above);
5. Continue to work on developing my knowledge of the game.

With regard to opposing teams: I believe that my role as a coach in the CBTBL is to teach my players to treat their opponents with respect. To that end, I will...

1. Encourage sportsmanship in both success & defeat;
2. Treat opposing coaches/town coordinators with respect;
3. Avoid hostile interaction with opposing fans/spectators;
4. Avoid humiliating opponents by running up the score.

With regard to game officials (referees): I believe that referees (like players and coaches) are attempting to provide a valuable service to the game of basketball. To that end, I will...

1. Try to treat game officials with respect;
2. Acknowledge that my players will probably imitate me with respect to their treatment of referees;
3. Try to be civil in situations that involve adversity;
4. Try to discourage/diminish/control unruly behavior by fans/spectators that may be in attendance on behalf of my team.

In accordance with the CBTBL Manual, I understand that I, as a head coach, am responsible for the actions of my coaching staff and my players as they are presented in this document and in the CBTBL Manual. I understand that the CBTBL has the right to suspend and/or dismiss coaches/players for conduct and/or behavior that it deems inappropriate or detrimental to the league. My affixed signature below indicates that I have read and understand the CBTBL Coaches Code of Conduct and the CBTBL Manual and have shared this information with my coaching staff and players.

5th Grade Coach: _____ Date: _____

6th Grade Coach: _____ Date: _____

7th Grade Coach: _____ Date: _____

8th Grade Coach: _____ Date: _____

2019-20 Player/Parent Code of Conduct

Player Responsibilities: I understand that as a member of the CBTBL that I am expected to behave in an appropriate and responsible manner; I understand that I will be held accountable for my actions. I understand that if I do not behave in an appropriate and responsible manner that I may be suspended and/or dismissed from the league. To that end, I will...

1. Display good sportsmanship in victory and defeat;
2. Avoid fighting and/or excessive physical contact before, during, and after games/practices;
3. Refrain from using vulgar/obscene language to teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and fans/spectators;
4. Treat facilities and equipment being utilized with care and respect;
5. Wear appropriate team uniform in the appropriate manner; refrain from wearing jewelry or other inappropriate items;
6. Treat my coaches with respect and notify them in a timely fashion if I can not attend practice or games;
7. Be a good Teammate!

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities: I understand that as a parent of a player in the CBTBL that I am expected to behave in an appropriate and responsible manner; I understand that I will be held accountable for my actions. I understand that if I do not behave in an appropriate and responsible manner at games that I may be ejected from the facility and barred from attending league games. To that end, I will...

1. Help my child achieve items #1 through #7 listed above by modeling the appropriate behaviors;
2. Behave rationally and responsibly towards all players, coaches, officials, site directors, etc., even if I'm not sure others are behaving accordingly;
3. Focus on learning and enjoyment more than winning and losing;
4. Think about more than just what is good for my child;
5. Discuss concerns with coaches at an appropriate time and place and in an appropriate manner (not immediately after a game or before a practice is about to begin);
6. Extend common courtesy to everyone involved in your town program and in our league;
7. Avoid undermining team morale;
8. Learn the rules of the sport in which your child participates;
9. Reinforce the coach's instructions while helping my child develop his personal skills;
10. Practice positive reinforcement whenever possible.

In accordance with the CBTBL Manual, I understand that I, as a player and/or a parent, am responsible for my actions/my child's actions as they are presented in this document and in the CBTBL Manual. I understand that the CBTBL has the right to suspend and/or dismiss (or even bar from various facilities) coaches, players, or parents for conduct/behavior that it deems inappropriate or detrimental to the league. My affixed signature below indicates that I have read and understand the CBTBL Player/Parent Code of Conduct and the CBTBL Manual and have shared this information with my child so that he might similarly understand exactly what is expected of him.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____
(or Guardian)

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____
(or Guardian)