

2018-2019 HYBA Recreation Coaches Code of Conduct

Thank you. Without you, Hershey Youth Basketball could not exist. You may have experience coaching, playing the game of basketball, both or neither. Whatever your background, the kids and their parents are thankful to have someone like you who loves the sport and is willing to dedicate the time to developing the players of HYBA.

The purpose of this organization is to teach the fundamentals of basketball to our youth in a fun and supportive environment. In addition, we want our players to learn and have a rewarding HYBA experience. While winning is fun, it's not always about winning. Remember you aren't just a coach, you are a role model and we want our players to learn sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, confidence and character.

Coach's Code of Conduct

- Coaches are encouraged to utilize a "positive reward" system of recognizing individual and team achievements. Players should not be admonished by the coach or fellow teammates for not being able to perform some level of activity; rather they should be individually coached in an effort to help them develop and increase their skill set.
- Coaches are to display positive sportsmanship qualities at all times.
- Coaches must recognize the sovereignty of the referees during all games. Coaches are to remain flexible and realize each referee is performing to the best of his/her ability. A coach is not to challenge a referee during a recreation game. We see our referees as partners who assist us in teaching our players the rules of the game.
- Coaches and players are requested to remain in control during the entire game. Outbursts of anger or vulgarity directed at the officials or players will not be tolerated. Coaches are not to encourage nor allow their team to "run up" the score against an opponent.

- Should a coach find themselves in a one-sided game, coaches with a lead are to responsible to implement other strategies to make the game more competitive (switch players to different positions, have a different player bring up the ball, tell the team they must pass three times before a shot, no stealing, etc.)
- Only players and coaches are allowed on the players' benches.
- Coaches have the responsibility to do their best in providing communication to parents/guardians regarding games and practices. Coaches must also keep parents informed of all changes in the original schedule. A best practice is to send out a reminder email each week.
- Coaches should remind parents they are to make all necessary arrangements to ensure that players will be promptly picked up after practices and games.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players at all practices and games. If a player proves to be a behavior challenge, coaches should be proactive and discuss individual behavior concerns with the parents/guardians of the child in question, as a step to collaboratively develop a plan to promote positive behavior.
- Whenever a team is being coached, either in practice or in a game, all coaches must practice the "two deep coaching principal." Meaning there shall always be two adults within a gymnasium at any point in time supervising our youth.

All coaches for Hershey Youth Basketball must complete a mandatory background check process before participating as a coach in any HYBA activities. This process will be initiated by a representative of HYBA, and prompt and complete responses to all requirements is appreciated.