

Marlborough Youth Athletic League

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The Marlborough Youth Athletic League has agreed to set certain behavior requirements for everyone in attendance at our facilities, including the Marlborough Elementary School and the RHAM Middle & High Schools.

- (1) **Coaches:** MYAL expects our adult coaches to “**set the example**” for good behavior, sportsmanship, and professional courtesy.
 - While you may disagree with an Official’s call, do not make your comments personal, angry, or derogatory - and once you have made them, drop it!
 - Insist that your players and fans demonstrate good sportsmanship toward opposing coaches, players, and Officials.
 - Insist that all of your players shake hands after the game; demonstrate grace in winning and dignity in losing.
 - Do not teach, tolerate, or allow taunting of other teams, “trash taking,” or foul language at any point.
 - Lead by example: compliment good plays by opposing players, shake hands with opposing coaches before and after the game, and do not get confrontational with Officials.

- (2) **Athletes:** Show respect toward Officials, other players, and other coaches.
 - Do not engage in any form of derogatory comments, “trash talking,” foul language, or taunting, regardless of score.
 - Do not engage in “fighting,” as this could cause your ejection for one or more games.
 - Do not leave your bench, and encourage all other players to stay on the bench if any disruption occurs.
 - Shake hands with opposing coach before the game and with opposing players and coaches after the game, demonstrating grace in winning and dignity in losing.

- (3) **Fans:** Show respect toward Officials, other players, and other coaches.
 - No derogatory remarks to opposing players, coaches, and/or teams.
 - No personal or derogatory remarks AND no loud or continuous harassment should be directed towards the Officials.
 - Absolutely zero tolerance for confronting Officials – any physical contact with Officials will not be tolerated and may involve Law enforcement.

Penalties:

Coaches:

A coach ejected from one game will automatically be suspended from the next game; a second ejection during the season will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season, subject to the coach’s right to an appeal to the MYAL Board; serious misconduct could result in additional discipline.

Athletes:

An ejection for “fighting” or for two technical fouls will result in an automatic suspension of an athlete from the next game, and possible further discipline. A second ejection for “fighting” or for two technical fouls during one season will result in a suspension for the rest of the season, subject to the athlete’s right to an appeal. No refunds of registration fees (full or partial) will be granted.

Fans:

Ejection from a game for misbehavior will result in your suspension from attending the next game; a second ejection from a game will result in your suspension for the rest of the season.

Any physical contact with game Officials, coaches, opposing players, or parents may cause law enforcement to be brought in for possible criminal prosecution, and you may be permanently banned from attending games

All: Continued misconduct by a team, its coaches, and/or fans, could potentially result in forfeit. Where possible, all penalties will remain consistent with Connecticut High School Basketball rules.

MYAL COACHES – Responsibilities/Obligations

- 1) Must be certified by The National Alliance for Youth Sports (www.nays.org)
 - Many beneficial coaching tips at the end of the certification process
 - Fee is \$20.00 for New Certifications - MYAL will reimburse you.
 - Re-Certification will not be reimbursed
- 2) Must play the role of Site Facilitator at all home games and practices.
- 3) Understands & abides by the MYAL Zero Tolerance rules
- 4) Communicate with parents regarding your team expectations.

I have read and understand the above coach's responsibilities and obligations and agree to comply with and abide by them. I also understand that my failure to uphold these responsibilities and obligations could result in a revocation of my coaching duties and position.

League: _____

Print Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____