



Code of Conduct

As part of the Chester Basketball family, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and fun environment where young athletes can learn the game, develop their skills, and grow as teammates and individuals. To maintain this positive culture, we expect all **players, coaches, and parents/fans** to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity.

This Code of Conduct applies to all Chester Basketball programs: **Clinic (K–2), Recreation (Grades 3–8), and Travel (Grades 4–8).**

Expectations for Players

All players are expected to:

- **Play with sportsmanship:** Show respect to teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials at all times.
 - **Respect the game:** Follow the rules, accept officials' decisions without argument, and play with integrity.
 - **Display self-control:** No use of profanity, taunting, bullying, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - **Work hard and support teammates:** Give best effort at practices and games, encourage others, and put team success ahead of individual performance.
 - **Avoid dangerous play:** No flagrant fouls, unnecessary roughness, or actions that could injure others.
 - **Represent Chester Basketball proudly:** Whether on or off the court, act in a way that reflects positively on the program.
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Expectations for Coaches

Whether parent coaches or high school student coaches, all Chester Basketball coaches are expected to:

- **Model sportsmanship:** Lead by example in conduct, communication, and attitude.
- **Respect officials:** Accept calls without confrontation; discuss concerns calmly and constructively.



- **Create a safe and supportive environment:** Ensure practices and games are inclusive, development-focused, and free of negative or abusive behavior.
 - **Teach and develop:** Focus on fundamentals, teamwork, and personal growth, not just wins and losses.
 - **Communicate positively:** Use respectful language with players, parents, opponents, and officials.
 - **Manage competition appropriately:** Ensure playing time guidelines are followed (for Rec and Clinic), balance development and competition, and prioritize the overall experience for all players.
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Expectations for Parents & Fans

Parents and spectators are essential to the Chester Basketball community and are expected to:

- **Support positively:** Cheer for all players, not against opponents. Encourage effort, improvement, and teamwork over individual statistics or outcomes.
 - **Respect officials and coaches:** Do not argue calls, yell at referees, or confront coaches during games. Concerns should be addressed privately and respectfully at the appropriate time.
 - **Promote a positive atmosphere:** No use of foul language, derogatory remarks, or unsportsmanlike behavior in the stands.
 - **Support player development:** Allow coaches to coach, and avoid sideline coaching or negative commentary.
 - **Demonstrate patience and perspective:** Remember this is youth basketball — the goal is learning, growth, and fun.
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Consequences for Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously. Depending on the situation, consequences may include:

- **Verbal or written warning** from the Chester Basketball board.
- **Removal from a game or practice** by officials, coaches, or board members.
- **Suspension from future games or practices.**
- **Removal from the program** for repeated or severe violations.



Commitment to Chester Basketball

By participating in Chester Basketball, all players, coaches, and parents/fans agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. Together, we will ensure a respectful, safe, and fun environment for every child in our program.