To all Parents, Guardians and other Boys & Girls Club Youth Basketball Spectators:

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in the 2025 - 2026 basketball season. Our objective is to create a positive learning experience for all players. The primary goals are to have fun, improve skills, and understand how to function as part of a team. These goals require hard work within a disciplined and structured environment. We are responsible for creating this environment. Coaches contribute by using appropriate practice and coaching techniques as well as encouraging the efforts of their players. There are several ways parents/guardians and spectators can contribute: make sure your child gets to practices/games on time, help them with their practice of fundamentals and be there to encourage their game performances. By encouragement, we mean only positive cheering and setting a good example of sportsmanship by modeling the Code of Conduct as follows:

- 1. Accept all decisions made by the referees.
- 2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship when cheering for your team.
- 3. Refrain from any actions that may endanger the safety or comfort of the players, coaches or other spectators.
- 4. Enjoy the game and competition in the spirit in which it was intended, for the physical and social development of the players!
- 5. Abusive or inappropriate language toward the opposing team or referees will result in removal of the offending parent or spectator from the gymnasium.

Failure to comply with any other of the requirements noted above may also result in ejection from a game in progress and/or suspension from future games. Repeated, or severe violations, may lead to removal of the team from Boys & Girls Club Youth Basketball League.

In closing, please understand that we (the adults) are the role models for our children! Let's all do our part to create the positive learning environment we want for them. If you have any questions regarding the issues covered above, please contact the Club.

Respectfully,
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