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

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in the 2026 - 2027 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,
Eric Kegler, Athletic Director
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EMW Youth Basketball League Players' Code of Conduct

- I will display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- I will follow the direction of my coaches.
  - Coaches volunteer their own time to work with your team. Don't waste that time. I will respect all coaches, players, officials, and spectators.
- I will remember the Golden Rule.
  - Always treat your teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials the way you would like to be treated. That means respect, dignity, and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will be a good sport and will always play hard.
  - Every player has strengths and weaknesses. Be patient with your teammates as they improve their games. Basketball is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team plays well together.
- I will practice the fundamentals.
  - Master the basketball basics, Practice each of the fundamentals - dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense.
- I will be patient with my teammates.
  - Every player has strengths and weaknesses. Be patient with your teammates as they improve their games. Basketball is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team plays well together.
- I will NOT use abusive or profane language.
- I will NOT taunt or humiliate any other player.
- I will NOT question a referee's call.
- I will enjoy the game, cheer on my teammates, and make great memories!

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Player's Name Date

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EMW Youth Basketball League Coaches' Code of Conduct

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As a volunteer coach of the Boys & Girls Club Youth Basketball League, coaches at sports events have a unique opportunity and responsibility to set a positive image.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will respect all calls from the officials.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills that I teach.
- I will be a positive representative of the Boys & Girls Club of Elma, Marilla, and Wales.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will NOT question a referee's call.
- I will create a positive environment where players can learn, grow, and have fun.

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Name

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Coach's Signature Date

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