

# Code of Conduct

## **Conduct**

This Code of Conduct is to be in effect at HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams). Functions may include practices, team meetings, team parties and any other function where players, parents, prospective players, or others are gathered for any GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams purpose to discuss the subject of Basketball, to view films of such, to exercise or to study Basketball or other Basketball related activities.

- All parents/guardians must sign a Code of Conduct.
- Any confrontation with a game Official will not be tolerated
- Only Basketball team members or others in an official capacity are permitted on the gym floor where a game is in progress. Spectators must be confined to the spectator area. Those in violation of this rule must leave the premises. If that person refuses to leave, the appropriate law enforcement authorities may be called.
- An ejected individual shall not participate in any league sanctioned activity, game, practice or tournament. They must depart the site within 5 minutes.

## **Suspension of Participants**

Refer to Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Bylaws for league sanctioned events including pre-season, regular season, and post season games. For HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) activities, to include, practice and any HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) sponsored events:

- Participants guilty of persistent incorrigible conduct may be suspended or discharged from participation by the HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) Owners
- Notification of such action will be furnished to the Owners of the participant's team and the Parent/Guardians of the child. In all cases of participant suspension, all fees paid for participation are forfeited.

## **Fundraising**

- All fundraisers for the league or teams must be submitted to and approved by the Owners
- HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) will not be held accountable or liable for insurance purposes, in the case of unauthorized fundraisers.
- All teams will be required to participate in 100% of fundraisers each season

## **Refunds**

There shall be no refunds of any fees once the participant has participated in one or more practices and/or team events. In addition to that refunds will not be permitted once uniforms or team merchandise and/or equipment has been ordered.

## **Competitive (Select) Teams**

HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) are competitive teams that require tryouts.

## **Parent/Guardian code of conduct**

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn and support the rules of the game and the policies of the HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams).
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game gym, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I understand that each team is responsible to participate in fundraising events to offset the cost of league operating expenses. Expenses include but are not limited to equipment, gym fees, referee fees and awards. I agree to participate in these fundraising activities
- I understand that each team is responsible to fulfill obligations such as, but not limited to; operating the scoreboard during games and keeping the score book during games. As a parent/guardian of an athlete participating in the HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) it is my responsibility to volunteer for these positions when my child's team is assigned

**Player's code of ethics**

- I will be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

**Coaches' code of ethics**

- 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 promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of 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 provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

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- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

### **Eligibility**

All balances due to HB Athletics Youth Basketball Association (GRIFFINS ELITE-Basketball Teams) from current season must be paid in full to be eligible to play in any practices and games.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_