

GPCC BASKETBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE GREATER PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER LEAGUES.

This is a family oriented facility. Our recreational leagues have been developed to enhance the physical and emotional enjoyment, health, and safety of recreation participants. High standards of behavior promote civility. It facilitates respectful relationships between people and sends a clear message to those watching that what is important is not who wins or loses but how you play the game. Sportsmanship is the underlying understanding that the people on the other team are not truly the “enemy” but co-participants in athletic activities.

Definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct: To be unsportsmanlike is to act in a manner unbecoming a fair, ethical, honorable individual. It consists of acts of disrespect such as making debasing or critical remarks about or to an official or an opponent, or vulgarity such as the use of profanity whether or not directed at someone.

The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is a technical foul, two free throws, unless the act is flagrant, when in such time, the offender can, at minimum, be ejected from the game, up to the maximum of banishment from the league.

- ❑ A player, coach, substitute, or spectator shall not: disrespectfully address an official’s decision by: rising from the bench/side lines or using gestures; inciting undesirable crowd reactions; or entering onto the court unless by permission of an official or to attend an injured player. The referee may end the game if its nature becomes negative, angry, or violent.
- ❑ Any foul or vulgar language will result in a technical foul
- ❑ Excessive verbal abuse may be penalized with a suspension.
- ❑ Talking to your opponent in a negative manner will be a “T”.
- ❑ Approaching a referee in a threatening manner will lead to an ejection or league suspension.
- ❑ Talking to the referee in a derogatory manner before, during, and after the game is disallowed. If you have a major problem with a referee, don’t settle it at the moment. Call the league co-ordinator and say what you need to at that time without a penalty. Players have no right to settle issues immediately.
- ❑ Two “T’s” on an individual player in one game will be an automatic one full game suspension and they must leave the building for the rest of the game in which they received the two technical fouls.
- ❑ Spectators are a privilege and are not covered in the team fee. They must abide by the same standards as players.
- ❑ **Dunking, the attempt to dunk or hanging on the rim or net are not permitted. A technical foul will be called for this violation.**
- ❑ Each team is responsible for their own players. If one of your teammates becomes out of control, it is up to your team to control that player. If the team can not control an individual then the team can be penalized.

- ❑ A team fight will lead to league banishment with no refund. The key is to immediately step in to stop the fight and help end a bad situation, before the league has to suspend or banish. The referees cannot prevent situations as well as players and teammates can.
- ❑ If there is a strong disagreement with referees, the captain needs to talk to the league coordinator at (610) 313-8680, not the referee. The captain may talk to the referee about interpretation, not judgment calls. This is a recreational league, these referees are to be given total control.
- ❑ Physical confrontation - Any player, manager, or person affiliated with a team physically confronting (poking, pushing, shoving, or the like) an official, player, or spectator before, during, or after the game will be suspended from the league for a period of time. A blow or punch to the head will be grounds for a minimum of one-year suspension and possible permanent expulsion from participating in any league at the GPCC. Teammates need to keep players away from physical confrontations.
- ❑ Any ejection from the game, the player must leave the GPCC property. The game will not resume until this is complete. Refusal to cooperate in this matter may result in a call to police.
- ❑ Any suspensions from the league, the player may not enter the GPCC to watch any games until the suspension period is over.
- ❑ League suspensions carry over to all leagues and tournaments that the GPCC runs.
- ❑ Just because the referee isn't calling something, does not mean it is right to keep doing it. (For example, the referee is not seeing elbows in the back or extra body bumps - this does not give a team the license to break the rules and play dirty.)
- ❑ Spitting on the floor and walls are prohibited. There is a drain by the water fountains for this purpose. If you are seen by staff or viewed on our surveillance cameras, you will be asked to leave the building for the rest of that day. If this behavior continues further action will be enforced.
- ❑ Player(s) or team(s) may be ejected out of a game and asked to leave the GPCC property by a ref or any Community Center Staff if their behavior is viewed as disruptive or threatening - even if no technical fouls have been called.

*****Conduct rules will be strictly enforced to set a tone that poor player behavior will not be tolerated.**

HAVE FUN, THAT'S WHAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALL ABOUT!

If the police are called in due to disruptive behavior, a minimum of a two game suspension will be assessed to the player(s) or team(s) that is involved in the incident. This does not include the automatic one game suspension for being ejected from the game. After a review of the situation, further action may be taken. (Further action is at the discretion of the Greater Plymouth Community Center's Management Team)

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** the following information:

Team Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I have read the Code of Conduct and rules of the Greater Plymouth Community Center Adult Basketball League and that I am fully aware that they will be strictly enforced. I understand that these rules and the Code of Conduct were developed to ensure safety and fun to the participants. (Participants Initials) _____.

This release applies to the referees, the gymnasium, the league, and Plymouth Township. I acknowledge that injuries are a part of sports and I assume responsibility for any injuries to myself. (Participants Initials) _____.

As a participant in such sports, I am familiar with methods of conducting basketball and the inherent risk of physical injury, and I hereby waive, relinquish, and release any and all right to claim to damages which may occur to myself. (Participants Initials) _____.

I acknowledge that the league will not supply medical insurance or accident insurance. (Participants Initials) _____.

Participant's Signature _____