Arundel/Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation

YOUTH BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT 2026-2027

The Arundel & Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation CODE OF CONDUCT has been developed for **ALL PERSONS*** involved in our youth sports programs. It cannot cover every possible circumstance; safety is our primary concern, and any extreme misconduct may result in exclusion from participation. Alcohol and other substances are **NEVER** permitted. Complaints and/or concerns may be brought to the attention of the Recreation Department by phone or via email. Kennebunkport Rec Dept: 967-4304 or SSimpson@kennebunkportme.gov. Arundel Rec Dept: 286-9241 or recreationdirector@arundelmaine.org.

Coaches:
As a coach, children will follow the example of you being a role model, positively or negatively. Children will copy or imitate behaviors witnessed. Coaches must be a positive role model exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, practices, and always giving positive reinforcement to the children and supporting other coaches, staff, and volunteers.

- Respect the elements of ROOTS-- Respect for: R-Rules, O-Opponents, O-Officials, T-Team, S-Self
- Learn, teach, adhere, and play by the letter and spirit of the rules of the game
- Emphasize emotional/physical well-being of children including fair play and development of the skills
- Use coaching techniques appropriate to the skills and development of your players
- Accept accountability for all behaviors and outcomes
- Demonstrate tolerance towards differences of your players
- Teach your players to take pride in themselves and accomplishments in a positive way, but NEVER by demeaning at the expense of another person or group
- Properly care for ALL equipment & facilities
- NEVER use obscene or vulgar language to anyone, anytime, anyplace
- Remember that the game is for the children, NOT the adults
- Remember: NO keeping stats in the 3-4 league or 5-6 league

Players:
Being a member of a team has responsibilities and rewards. Players must conduct themselves in a respectful manner that brings credit to their sport, team, and themselves.

- Respect the elements of ROOTS--Respect for: R-Rules, O-Opponents, O-Officials, T-Team, S-Self
- Learn, adhere, and play by the letter and spirit of the rules of the game
- Remember that games are played for fun!
- Accept accountability for all behaviors and outcomes
- NEVER use vulgar or inappropriate language; NEVER slander, threaten, hurt, hit, and/or argue with anyone, anytime, anyplace
- Display good sportsmanship; shake hands with opposing team and with officials at the end of the game

- Properly care for ALL equipment & facilities
- Remember that ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

Parents/Spectators:
Parents and spectators play an important role in promoting happiness and success in youth sports.

- Respect the elements of ROOTS-- Respect for: R-Rules, O-Opponents, O-Officials, T-Team, S-Self
- Emphasize emotional/physical well-being of children and the development of knowledge and skills
- Congratulate players for their effort
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship through positive support for all persons involved
- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth, NOT adults
- Understand specifics to the league rules, expectations, and philosophy
- PLEASE be respectful of the officials and PAY ATTENTION to other children that are attending the game with you (they should never be on the basketball court, in the hallways, or other areas of the building, and should always be under adult supervision)

ALL PERSONS --coaches, players, opponents, parents, spectators, officials, recreation personnel

Resources: asep.org, nays.org, positivecoach.org, sportsmanship.org, ncaa.org/sportsmanship

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