

**ELK RIVER BOYS YOUTH BASKETBALL
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

We ask that you pledge to be responsible for your words and actions while attending or participating in ERBYB activities by conforming your behavior to this code of conduct. Your conduct is a reflection upon our program and our community.

- I understand that it is a privilege to participate in ERBYB and with this privilege I must be responsible for my actions.
- I will teach and abide by the rules of the game.
- I will demand good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and association representatives at all times.
- I will demand and honor that all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators are treated with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
- I will never ridicule or berate my players or others for a mistake or losing.
- I will respect the officials and their authority. I will not question their decisions in a loud, disrespectful, threatening or abusive manner.
- I will respect the coaches and players from the opposing team during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
- I will not engage in the use of profanity, obscene language or improper actions and will maintain control of my emotions.
- I will ensure that the fans of my team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites.
- I will treat each athlete as an individual and help him reach his full potential.
- I will abide by the playing time requirements as established by ERBYB.
- I will remember that the game is for the youth, not the adults.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to basketball.
- I will attend ERBYB coaching clinics in order to improve my coaching abilities.
- I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from use at all games, practices and tournaments.
- I will demonstrate respect for public property and equipment and I will ensure a safe environment for my players. I will not leave players unattended following practices or games.
- I agree to the following: In the event that violations with practice times are reported (i.e. starting practices prior to or staying after permitted time, not following community ed. rules or permits etc.) the following will take place:
 1. On the first instance the coach will receive a verbal warning.
 2. On the second instance the team will forfeit all practice time for one week.
 3. On the third instance the coach will be removed from coaching the team.ERBYB reserves the right to forgo the verbal warning stage if the circumstance warrants such action.

As a coach your example is powerful, for better or worse. You must realize, accept and practice the principle that a teams reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and ERBYB activities. I also acknowledge that failure to follow these guidelines will result in action which may include suspension or removal from ERBYB activities.

Head Coach Signature

Date

Assistant Coach Signature

Date

Assistant Coach Signature Date