

## Loveland Youth Basketball Association COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches must:

- Exemplify honesty, integrity and fair play no matter what the circumstance.
- Honor the spirit and the letter of the rules. Promote sportsmanship over gamesmanship.
- Treat your players with respect and dignity and require them to treat each other, opposing players, coaches, officials and parents with respect.
- Not engage in or allow your players to trash talk, taunt, or behave in ways that demean players on your team, players on opposing teams, officials, or the game of basketball.
- Treat game officials with respect. Don't complain or argue with an official's call. If there's a disagreement, take a time-out and bring it to the official's attention in a personal, respectful and calm manner. If you have larger complaints about officiating, direct them to the LYBA Board.
- Make sure neither your players nor parents taunt, badger or ridicule an official. How you deal with game officials sets the tone for how they will. Don't indulge in conduct that may incite players or spectators against officials or the other team.
- Not engage in or permit profanity or obscene gestures.
- Not use physical or psychological intimidation or verbal abuse toward players.
- Control your ego and emotions. Displaying anger and frustration sends the wrong messages to players and undermines the integrity of basketball.
- Discuss with your team the importance of sportsmanship and good character.
- Remember the expected standard: Victory with honor, defeat with dignity. Chances are good we'll all win some and lose some this season. Try to do both the right way--for you and your players.

**The LYBA Board appreciates all the hard work our volunteer coaches contribute to our basketball program and to our players. Thank you for being a part of youth basketball in Loveland.**

I have read the above code of conduct --

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