

HYBA PARENTS CONDUCT POLICY

In previous years we have run into problems with parents yelling negative and belittling remarks to players on the court as well as engaging in confrontations with other parents while in the gym. We will not allow this behavior any longer within our facilities. Our mission is to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for players to learn the game of basketball while building self-esteem as they grow in the abilities. Because of this we will be implementing a code of conduct for parents, players and coaches. We understand that tensions arise, and shouting will occur as plays are not always called the way we feel they should be. However, if the line becomes crossed by using profanities, belittling, taunting or aggressive behavior, consequences will occur. We do not condone nor will accept this behavior in front of our players. These are kids and we all need to remember that.

It is not the intent of this policy to try and define every instance that might be described as constituting parental misbehavior. We will however make mention of certain types of known behavior that we have experienced in the past and will use these examples to illustrate unacceptable parental behavior. Such examples are, but not limited to, the following:

- Taunting of a referee, coach, league official, or player in a negative manner
- Use of profanity or vulgar language within the gyms towards players, coaches and referees.
- Embarrassing negative remarks aimed at your own child or other children while he/she is playing a game.
- Use of Alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs while on school grounds.
- Threatening or aggressive remarks or behaviors towards referees, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Physical confrontations with referees, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Failure to remove yourself from the gym/campus after you have been ejected from the game

Parents please understand that the League Representative(s) and/or Administrator will deal with such behavior listed above in the following manner.

(1) You will first be addressed by a board member and asked politely to calm down.

(2) If you should persist then you will be warned by the referee officiating the game and or a League Official to control your behavior.

(3) If you continue to present a problem you will be ejected from the game and the game will not resume until you have left the building.

(4) If you fail to leave the building, a league official will call the Harris County Sheriffs Department to escort you away. It is our hope that we do not have to initiate any of the above steps necessary to control parental behavior. It is the intent of the Huffman Youth Basketball Association, to create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment and recreation for the community of parents, coaches, and players who are out to enjoy team and family time together. We hope to provide the basis for all players to have fun, learn the game of basketball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork. We are asking you as parents to help us reach our goal.

This encompasses guests that are also brought in by family members to the gyms. You are responsible for their behavior in from of these players.

Please lead by example & remember that lots of small eyes & ears are looking and listening to everything you say & do.

-The board members of the Huffman Youth Basketball Association

Code of Conduct

- Supportive of players and coaches
- Staying off the court while a game is in progress.
- Outside drinks and food are not allowed within the gyms per district policy. Players may have bottled water or sports drink as long as it has a top.
- Model good sportsmanship
- Acknowledge and appreciate players' growth toward maturity and their effort toward establishing stronger relationships with teammates, coaches, and themselves.
- Support the coaches by applauding behavior in your child and his teammates that demonstrates characteristics of integrity, empathy, sacrifice, and responsibility.
- Affirm your son and his teammates when good character, healthy sportsmanship, and other centered behavior are displayed. Do not affirm only his athletic performance or a victory.
- Encourage your child and his teammates with positive statements, even when they make mistakes. At every practice they are growing physically and emotionally. At every practice they are learning moral and ethical lessons. At every practice they are developing character.
- When problems or questions arise, please have your child present the problem to his/her coach. We want players to develop self-advocacy. If the issue requires more clarity, contact a board member.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Taunting
 - Profanity or vulgar language
 - Embarrassing or belittling, negative remarks aimed at your own child or other children
 - Use of Alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs while on school grounds.
 - Threatening or aggressive remarks or behaviors
 - Physical confrontations
- *Because I am a parent with the power and platform to make a positive difference in the life of every player, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to these standards, I will allow for accountability and take responsibly for my actions.*

_____ Parent Signature

Player Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Age Group: _____