

Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball

Code of Conduct

All Hamilton-Wenham Youth Basketball League coaches, players and parents/guardians must acknowledge the Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Code of Conduct before participating in Hamilton-Wenham Youth Basketball events, including practices and games. The acknowledgement will be presented to coaches and parents/guardians during the registration process. As for players, the Code of Conduct is to be read with a parent or guardian and coaches will also review the Code of Conduct with the players at various times throughout the season. By signing the Code of Conduct, coaches, players and parents/guardians will be agreeing to follow the Golden Rule of Sports: Treat teammates, opposing players, coaches, referees and fans the way you would like to be treated yourself – with respect. In addition, by signing the Code of Conduct, coaches, players and parents/guardians will be acknowledging that they will:

- Treat teammates with respect at all times;
- Respect opponents (other teams);
- Always cheer for your team and never against the other team;
- Offer a sportsmanlike handshake to all opposing players and coaches after each game;
- Learn to be a good sport whether your team wins or loses;
- Not argue with any teammate, coach or referee;
- Not trash talk or taunt anyone on your team, the other team, or a coach or referee;
- Never intentionally try to hurt another player on your team or the other team;
- Understand that coaches' decisions are final, and will accept your coach's decisions;
- Never swear during a game or practice; and
- Understand that, if a coach, player or parent/guardian fails to live up to these expectations, the individual who violates the Code of Conduct may be removed from a practice or game, and that it is possible that the individual could be suspended and lose the privilege of participating in Hamilton-Wenham Youth Basketball events altogether.

The Hamilton-Wenham Youth Basketball Board of Directors asks that all coaches, parents and guardians show the young players how to be good sports. Please help our league by applauding either team when completing a good play. Please do not complain about a call or decision in front of the players while a game is being played. Never embarrass a player, coach or game official at any time. We encourage fair play at all times. We want our children to learn the value of being a good sport whether they win or lose.

Thank you for supporting our mission and spreading the goodwill of youth basketball.