

Monroe Travel Basketball

Code of Conduct

The league promotes the concept of good conduct by all participants including players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators. This concept will provide a safe athletic environment, good role models and a sense of community spirit throughout the league. All participants are to maintain and promote the highest standards of conduct at all times. Travel basketball is a higher level than Park & Recreation basketball, and players will have to earn their playing time. It is the responsibility and objective of each coach to help players achieve their maximum potential. By doing this, we will prove that good conduct and competitive sports can co-exist. Monroe Travel Basketball (MTB) and its members will adhere to this code of conduct at all times. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in disciplinary action being taken by MTB towards the offender.

Everyone will:

- 1. Respect all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.**
- 2. Respect the property of others including all gym facilities.**
- 3. Not taunt, boo, or make negative comments about any players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.**
- 4. Remember that sports for children should be about having fun.**

Players will:

- 1. Play for fun.**
- 2. Work hard to improve skills, learn the game and play by the rules.**
- 3. Follow coaches directions and instructions.**
- 4. Always respect teammates, opponents, coaches and referees.**
- 5. Support teammates at all times.**
- 6. Shake hands with opponents after the game.**
- 7. Conduct themselves off the court in a responsible manner.**

Any MTB player that receives a technical foul will be subject to a one game suspension. Further technical fouls will lead to possible removal from team.

Parents & Spectators will:

- 1. Not force a child to participate in a sport.**
- 2. Remember that children participate in athletics to have fun.**
- 3. Remember that the game is for the children, not for the adults.**

4. **Remember that they are not the coach and will refrain from yelling instructions out onto the court.**
5. **Speak to the coach in private with any concerns and never in front of the children or on the court. Parents will be required to wait a minimum of 24 hours to speak with the coach as well post any comments about game, playing time, etc on social media.**
6. **Be a positive role model by respecting all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators at all times.**
7. **Value skills development, fair competition and good effort. Recognize that the efforts of all children, your own team and opponents, is more important than the outcome of the game.**
8. **Cheer for all children on the team in a positive fashion, not just your own child.**
9. **Refrain from rude or obnoxious behavior or comments toward the opposing team and officials, and never confront referees or other game personnel.**
10. **Not encourage any behaviors or tactics that would endanger the health and well being of anyone.**

Any MTB parent that receives a technical during a game will receive a 3 game suspension. Any additional technicals received by the same parent will receive a permanent ban from MTB.

Coaches will:

1. **Make skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, fun and learning the game...the goals of the team.**
2. **Be a positive role model by respecting all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators at all times. Coaches should not direct negative comments at the opposing team.**
3. **Learn and play by the rules of the game.**
4. **Be as respectful and restrained as possible in response to calls by officials.**
5. **Never lose their temper.**

6. **Be generous in their praise, emphasizing the efforts of players over the outcome of the game.**
7. **Be fair, honest and consistent in coaching philosophies and practices.**
8. **Recognize that children learn differently... and adapt coaching to each child's needs accordingly.**
9. **Communicate clearly to players and parents about goals for the team and what behavior is appropriate.**
10. **Provide a safe environment for the children to play.**

Any MTB coach receiving a technical called against him or her will be subject to discipline review by MTB Board. Subsequent technicals against same coach during the season will be grounds for removal from coaching at MTB.