

CODE OF ETHICS/ CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS:

By signing below I pledge that while participating in South Plymouth Youth Basketball (**SPYB**) (hereinafter the "Club"):

- 1) I will treat all coaches, players, fans, officials, and opponents with respect and dignity.
- 2) I will not verbally abuse, curse at, or disparage any coach, player, fan, opponent, or official.
- 3) I will conduct myself responsibly and not endanger myself or others.
- 4) I will abide by all rules and regulations including requirements about where I am physically supposed to be in the buildings in which we practice, play, or meet.
- 5) I will exhibit good sportsmanship with and positive support for all coaches, players, fans, officials, and opponents.
- 6) I will place the importance of teamwork before any personal desire to win by accepting both victory and defeat with pride and compassion.
- 7) I will applaud all participants' efforts - win or lose.
- 8) I will make it my responsibility to know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the game.
- 9) I understand that playing time, minutes in the game, position, time with coaches, individual instruction, etc., are not guaranteed and may change from game to game and/or practice to practice.
- 10) I will do my very best to have FUN.
- 11) I will attend and appear for all practices, games, and team events on time and ready to give my best effort.
- 12) I agree that violating this Code of Ethics/Conduct may have consequences that could cause me to be ejected from or held out of all or any part of a game/s, practice/s, or even the Club.
- 13) If I am ejected from a game by an official or the coach, I understand I may be prohibited from attending the next game, and/or subject to other penalty/ies.
- 14) I understand that if I am ejected from the Club for violating this code of conduct, **any amount of money paid to the Club for my participation will be non-refundable.**
- 15) I agree to and understand these terms.

Date: _____ Player Name (Printed clearly): _____ Player Signature: _____

Important Points/Reminders to **Parents**:

- Your team's coach has a difficult job requiring a personal commitment of time and effort.
- Your first point of contact regarding issues should always be your coach. The absolute worst time to approach a coach is immediately before or after a game. Please allow 24 hours to pass. The second worst time to approach a coach is during practice. Before or after may be permissible with advance notice. If you have an issue to discuss, call and ask for a meeting. No calls after 10PM. No nasty emails. Remember coaches have families and personal lives also.
- Refrain from addressing or commenting about all players and coaches during practices and games.
- Infractions and violations of the code of ethics/conduct above by any player or parent may result in a player and/or parent being prohibited from practice/s or game/s and/or removal of a player from the team.
- Respect a coach's decisions and authority.
- Report any abuse or impropriety.
- The existence and future of all programs is jeopardized by irresponsible behavior. Accidents, damage and/or vandalism sometimes occurs. Often these actions are the result of unsupervised children with access to facilities. **The Club is not a babysitting service and locations used for games or practices are not playgrounds.** Do not leave your children unsupervised.
- The Club provides access to gyms for participants and spectators, ONLY. Any other attendee or use is not welcome and will not be tolerated.
- Parents will be held directly responsible for any financial damages arising from unmonitored children. Violations may result including removal from the premises, banishment from the premises, and /or banishment from the Club.
- Please help maintain clean and safe bathrooms, hallways, and other areas. Please police activities and your surroundings, properly discard garbage and bottles, and help with set-up and break down of practices and games.

I have read, understand, and agree to this code of conduct as well as the "Important Points/Reminders" herein, both on behalf of my child and myself:

Date: _____ Name of Parent (printed clearly): _____ Signature of Parent: _____