

Referees Code of Conduct

McLean Youth Basketball 2017-2018 Season

This Code of Conduct has been approved and instituted by the Board of McLean Youth Basketball, September 2017

I. CONDUCT OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MCLEAN YOUTH BASKETBALL

Sportsmanship among the Coaches, players, referees and fans is a fundamental part of all McLean Youth Basketball ("MYB") activities. Inappropriate behavior by any participant in MYB Basketball, including spectators, players, coaches and referees, will not be tolerated at any time, for any reason.

- A. To assure that sports are a setting where personal character (including integrity, respect, responsibility, and fairness) are built, a safe environment, sportsmanship and fair play must be held above all other values
- B. Every participant (coaches, players, spectators or referees) is expected to be fully familiar with the MYB Code of Conduct
- C. Every participant pledges to fully abide by the MYB Code of Conduct as described below in every interaction and understands that any failure to abide is subject to temporary or permanent banishment from any MYB sponsored event
- D. The conduct of all MYB participants is subject to review by the Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee (see Section II below).

Code of Conduct – Referees

- Referees are the League's representatives during the game. It is up to the referees to ensure that the game is governed by the basic playing principals outlined in the *MYB Rules and Regulations* as well as by the rules of the game of basketball.
- Keeping control of the game and ensuring a safe, fun environment for the players, coaches and spectators is largely a result of the conduct of the Coaches and referees and the manner in which they administer the game.
- Regardless of the pressure from the spectators, Coaches or players, the referees must show no partisanship and make quick, decisive calls in accordance with the rules of the game as modified by MYB.

- Referees are instructed to respond to a reasonable question from the Head Coaches with a reasonable answer. Referees should never be rude or get into an argument with a fan or coach. If the fan or Coach cannot control their emotions, the referee should simply decline to discuss the matter and walk away (see *MYB Referee Guidelines* for more details).
- It is the referees responsibility to at all times try to anticipate situations which might become more confrontational and make every effort to calm the situation down and keep everyone participating in the game. Ensuring that players and coaches remember the game is about having fun, and always administered with the goal of sportsmanship and fair play.

II. CODE OF CONDUCT & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

The Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee shall be composed of the Program Chairman, the Referee Coordinator, the Chief Commissioner for the program involved, the League Commissioner for the team/individual involved, and up to one additional member selected by the Program Chairman. The Committee shall review and, if necessary, assess penalties for violation of MYB's Code of Conduct.

A. Mandatory Suspensions

- Any player or Coach ejected from a game due to one or more technical fouls for unsportsmanlike behavior or any flagrant foul is automatically suspended for the teams next scheduled game (including tournament games).
- Referees must notify the Referee Coordinator the day of the game of any such ejections. The Referee Coordinator will notify the appropriate League Commissioner.
- If suspended, a Coach or player may participate in practice but may not participate in the next scheduled game. A suspended player may attend the game and sit with his team but may not wear his team's uniform shirt. Suspended Coaches may not attend the game.
- There is no review for suspension due to ejection from a game.

B. Mandatory Reviews

- The Committee will review the conduct of any player, Coach or fan that has been ejected from more than one game in a season.

C. Optional Reviews

- The Referee Coordinator, any League Commissioner or Board member may request the Committee to review the conduct of any participant in MYB basketball who they believe is in violation of the Code of Conduct. The Committee will conduct such a review if one member of the Committee believes it is justified.
- Any other participant in MYB Basketball may also request a review by the Committee if he/she feels they are being treated unfairly or that the actions of another participant need to be reviewed. The Committee, at its discretion, may decline to review or take action on any of these situations.

D. Method of Review

- The Committee shall conduct its reviews in any method it deems appropriate but must involve all individuals affected by its review (e.g., the individual under review, Coach, League Commissioner, Referee Coordinator and any other individuals involved in the situation).

E. Penalties

- The Committee shall assess such penalties as it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, verbal or written instructions or reprimands, suspension from games, or the suspension from future participation in MYB activities.
- The Committee is limited to penalties within the current basketball season. Any action which would apply a penalty beyond the current season must be reviewed and approved by the Board. Only the Board can approve and take action against a member of the Board.