

Cedar Grove-Belgium Youth Basketball Club

Coaching Expectations and Code of Conduct

The primary objective of the Cedar Grove-Belgium Youth Basketball Club is to support and teach the children of our community the game of basketball in a positive and constructive manner. Beyond basic basketball skills, we hope to grow all players' level of teamwork, sportsmanship and most importantly a love for the game. Our coaches play a critical role in developing these skills and traits and ask for their support to our youth and the CGBYBC by abiding to the following Coaching Expectations and Code of Conduct.

Expectations

1. Attend mandatory coaches meetings and clinics as communicated.
2. Organize a parent's meeting at the beginning of the season, including a review of the Player's, Parent's and Coach's Code of Conduct.
3. Provide timely communications to parents regarding practices and games.
4. Be organized – have written practice plans, delegate responsibilities to assistant coaches and parents appropriately, work with grade coordinator as needed for tournaments, rosters, uniforms, equipment, etc.
5. Work with the Coordinator and other Coaches to run similar offensive and defensive schemes and plays within the grade. Use guidance from the varsity head coaches and staff to assist.
6. Focus on Fundamentals – Develop a strong foundation in the fundamental basketball skills of dribbling, shooting, passing, footwork, rebounding, and defending. Wins and losses come and go, but this is the time to make them excellent players as they get older.
7. Understand the rules – read them before you begin your league or tournament.
8. Be everyone's coach. All players deserve your coaching at practice and in games. If you coach your own child, treat them as an equal to the entire team.
9. Assist the CGBYBC in its efforts of continuous improvement by completing a year end evaluation of the program.

Code of Conduct

1. Complete a successful background check.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Players will learn from your example, control your emotions, avoid actions, language and gestures that may be interpreted as inappropriate.
3. Create a positive, instructional, and challenging atmosphere:
 - a. Make it fun for the players while pushing them to become a better player and person.
 - b. Keep it age appropriate for the level of coaching intensity.
 - c. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or losing a game.
 - d. Communicate with players in practice and games about their play. This is critical to help the player grow and develop.
 - e. Be patient. Help them learn from their mistakes with positive reinforcement of the proper behavior.
 - f. Do not single out players for criticism in front of their peers.
4. Follow the CGBYBC Guidelines for playing time.
5. Coaches enforcement of Player's and Parents Code of Conduct:
 - a. Coaches are expected to enforce with sound judgment and appropriate actions.
 - b. Communicate infractions of the Player Code of Conduct to the player, the parents, and inform the Grade Coordinator of the issue.
 - c. Communicate infractions of the Parents Code of Conduct to the parents and Grade Coordinator.
 - d. Player issues regarding Player Code of Conduct #5 (game and practice effort and attention) must be communicated to the player and parents with expectations on areas of improvement, and then give ample opportunity to demonstrate a change in behavior. Communication regarding these situations should be sent to the Grade Coordinator.
6. Be open and understanding to listening to parents concerns or issues.

I understand that failure to follow and abide by the Coaching Expectations and Code of Conduct could result in my suspension or removal as a coach from the Cedar Grove-Belgium Youth Basketball Club. By signing the Coaching Expectations and Code of Conduct, I hereby pledge to maintain a positive attitude and be responsible for my behavior, as well as helping to censor the behaviors of others participating in the Cedar Grove-Belgium Youth Basketball Club.

Coach Name: _____ Grade/Gender: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____