

Coaches Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among layers, coaches, officials and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in the Western Loudoun Basketball League, the following Code of Conduct has been established and adopted.

Each **coach** will ensure that his/her playing conduct is that of a young lady or gentleman fairly competing to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the **coach** is expected to:

1. Know the rules and abide by them.
2. Instruct team members in the rules and coach his/her team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner. Ensure that players, spectators/fans do not shoot at the baskets during timeouts or intermissions.
4. Ensure that all building rules and regulations are followed by the players and spectators.
5. Ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites; assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during the games.
6. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
9. Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and timekeepers) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
10. Realize, accept, and practice the principal that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.