

Code of Conduct

The following guidelines have been established by the Diocese of Charleston. Basketball coaches, players, and spectators will be responsible for abiding by these guidelines.

COACHES: The coach bears the greatest burden of responsibility for the sportsmanship and success of the tournament. His/her influence upon the attitudes and behavior of the players, the spectators, and the community are unequaled. In order for good sportsmanship to become a reality in our tournament, it is essential that coaches subscribe to the values of sportsmanship and instill its principles through word and deed.

It is recommended that coaches:

- Always set a good example of sportsmanship for players and fans to follow.
- Instruct the players in their sportsmanship responsibilities.
- Discipline those players who display unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules.
- Avoid demonstrations or irritations, which may result in excessive excitement or antagonizing of the spectators.
- Be loyal to our parochial school system.
- Keep a Christian atmosphere at all times.

PLAYERS: It is recommended that players:

- Treat opponents with respect and shake hands with them before and after the contest.
- Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
- Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules. Never argue or make gestures indicating a dislike for the decision.
- Accept both victory and defeat.
- Congratulate the opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- If a player gets into a fight before, during, or after a game, the player cannot play in the next game. The second time that this infraction

occurs, the player will be removed from the team for the remainder of the tournament.

- If a player receives two technical fouls in one game, the player cannot play in the next game.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school, parish, family, and the Catholic Church.

SPECTATORS: Tournament teams should be supported with enthusiasm and the true Christian spirit. We expect good sportsmanship from players and coaches and they have a right to expect the same from us as parents and fans. Spectators should be courteous to all players and respect the decision of the officials. The scoreboard will reflect the best team on the floor. The kind of support given by spectators will reveal a true Christian character. All unruly spectators will be asked to leave the gymnasium.

NOTE: A team may forfeit a game and be suspended from the tournament if these guidelines are not followed.

Coach's Signature

Date Signed

(Certifies that all players and parents have been made aware of the Code of Conduct.)