

ATHLETE’S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **Respect:** Players shall treat teammates, coaches, family, spectators, referees, teachers and others with honor and respect; avoiding arguments and any form of intrusion on other’s well-being.
2. **Discipline:** Players shall exhibit self-control and refrain from trash talking, offensive behavior, and arguing in all situations.
3. **Attention:** Players shall be attentive when coaches, staff and referees are instructing them.
4. **Friendliness/Words:** Players shall use words that build teamwork trust and self-esteem to encourage one another. Players shall always conduct themselves in a friendly and supportive manner.
5. **Team Dismissal:** Yelling, profanity, cheating, stealing, hatred, lack of self-control, personal hygiene, disrespect, violence, drug or alcohol possession or abuse, and other exhibits/signs of destructive or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal from the organization.
6. **Sportsmanship/Hustle:** Players shall practice good sportsmanship. Players shall always strive to win and show humility and gracefulness in victory as well as in defeat. Players shall always put forth their best individual effort by displaying “hustle” at practice and at game time.
7. **Attendance/Missed Games:** All players are expected to attend ALL scheduled events and will provide advanced notice of their absence when necessary.
8. **Facilities:** You will respect and protect all of the facilities where you practice and play games. You will report to your parents or coach, any damage that occurs that you witness.

PARENT CONDUCT & LEAGUE POLICIES

LIBERTY EDGE asks parents to uphold the same integrity and respect that we expect from our young athletes.

1. Parents shall not coach their children from the stands except to cheer and encourage them.
2. **24 Hour Rule:** Do not to approach a coach or staff member any negative comments or complaints for at

least 24 hours after a game has ended. If I violate this rule my son/daughter will not play in (1) game to be played. If there are any personal conflicts or general concerns that arise, we ask that you speak with the coaches directly and discuss them in a respectful manner and without causing harm of conflict among the participants.

3. Please also be respectful of the coaches, the players, officials and members of the opposing team. No parent shall address a ref or coach of either team during the game. All coaches have graciously volunteered their time, please be mindful of this and remember that this season is about the development of your child. Coaches have this in mind and have committed their time to your children.
4. **Registration Fees:** All fees must be paid up to date and in full at time of registration. If this fee is not paid, my child will be added to any roster.
5. **Refund Policy:** THE LEAGUE exercises a NO REFUND POLICY for any athlete who has paid any portion (whether in full or part) of registration fees. Monies are non-refundable should that athlete chose to leave their respective team regardless of their reason. Any refunds issued are at the sole discretion of THE LEAGUE.
6. **Attendance/Missed Games:** All players are expected to attend ALL scheduled events. Any team without enough players for a game, will risk a forfeit of that game. Games will not be rescheduled for absences.
7. Jersey tanks are required to be maintained in playable condition by players and parents. Participants and parents agree that they will be responsible to replace at their cost, any uniform that is damaged or lost.
8. As a player or a parent, you will notify either a coach, admin or director immediately when you are aware that a serious problem exists anywhere within the program.
9. As a parent, you agree to help monitor the hallways and gym where your child practices, in order to eliminate any damage to facilities caused by horseplay or unsupervised activity by our players.
10. You agree to try to understand the development aspect of the teaching and learning of basketball skills and that children learn the game at different rates even under the same practice and game conditions.

TEAM NOTES & GUIDELINES

Liberty Edge strives to help young athletes take their game to the next level. It is the goal to develop our athletes into competitive players. It is important to remember that this is a competitive basketball league, while several guidelines have been established to ensure that each child is engaged and has a successful season.

1. Placement will be conducted based on the program's established evaluation criteria. Participants/parents agree in advance to the results of these evaluations and the players' placement on a team. Exceptional players may be asked to play up.
2. It is important to remember that while this is fun, it is **COMPETITIVE** league. Our main goal is developing young athletes to be at the top on each level. In order to achieve this level of success, it will be important for the coaches to utilize the best players at the appropriate times and implement their game strategies that they believe will lead the teams to winning tournaments.

With that being said, we do have a required rotation. Each player will be played as evenly as possible. When substitutions are made, all sitting players must go in at next substitution break. No player will remain on the bench for two consecutive sessions.

3. Our main goal is that every player present gets to play each week. In the case we do not have enough players present at any particular game, we will do the following:
 - 1) We will play with less players. Meaning a 5x5 game will become a 4x4 game.
 - 2) We may ask players to players from another division or outside team to participate.
 - 3) We may ask players from opposing teams to switch teams. In the case we have to pull players from opposing team, the game will be forfeit by the absent team.