City of Moorpark Youth Basketball League
PARENT PLEDGE & CODE OF CONDUCT

- I understand that children participate in this league to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that this is a **recreational** league. I will encourage my child to have fun. I understand that the games are for the children and will keep the sport in its proper perspective.
- I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship, not just to my child(ren), but to all children that participate in the league. I will show respect for all involved in the league. This includes coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, officials and staff.
- I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, officials, staff, or players in the presence of any children. I will not use profanity or aggressive language.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I pledge to be on time when dropping off my child(ren) for a practice or game. I understand the importance of picking up my child(ren) on-time after all games and practices. Moreover, if my child(ren) miss a practice, I understand they may miss important information and therefore may not receive equal playing time in the game following the missed practice.
- I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game, and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children have different abilities, and that the true measure is not how my child(ren) compares to others, but rather how they are doing in comparison to their best self.
- I understand that I must remain in the stands at all times, unless my child is injured or during period breaks or half-time. I understand that leaving the stands to confront coaches, players, officials or league staff is unacceptable and can result in my ejection from the Arroyo Vista Recreation Center and gymnasium.
- I understand that games can be exciting times for my child(ren), who is dealing with the fast-paced action of the game, responding to opponents, officials and teammates, and listening to the coach. I will not add confusion by yelling out instructions to my child(ren) or any other player. During the game, I will limit my comments to encouraging my child(ren) and players for both teams.
- I understand that the coach is the official representative of my child(ren) and their team, and as such is the only person authorized to discuss the game with the official(s). I will not approach, criticize or complain to the official(s). I understand that if I have an objection or issue regarding an official's call or the conduct of an official, it must be addressed to the coordinator overseeing the league. I understand that it may not be possible to immediately address such issues and understand that I may need to wait until the first business day after a game to discuss my concerns with the coordinator, or their supervisor, if necessary.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will demand a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults and will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other player's coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and the coach agrees to the youth sports Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.
- I will read the NYSCA National Standards for Youth Sports and do everything in my power to assist all youth sports organizations to implement and enforce them.
- I agree to honor this Parent Pledge in my words and actions. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that other family and friends attending the game follow these guidelines. I understand that my child(ren) cannot participate in the youth basketball league until this pledge is completed, signed and received by an authorized City staff member. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior may result in ejection from a game or from the league.

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PLAYER'S PLEDGE & CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of our team, I promise to:

- Play with Heart:
  - Give my best effort at every practice and game.
  - Listen, learn, and try new things.
  - Keep going when things are difficult and remember that mistakes are part of learning.
- Be a Great Teammate:
  - Encourage and support my teammates.
  - Celebrate their successes and help them when they struggle.
  - Include others and never bully, tease, or put someone down.
  - Remember that we succeed as a team.
- Show Respect:
  - Respect my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.
  - Follow the rules and play fairly.
  - Accept the decisions of officials without arguing or disrespect. I will ask the official or my coach to help me avoid mistakes or misunderstandings in the future.
  - Treat others the way I want to be treated.
- Be Responsible for my Actions:
  - Control my words, attitude, and behavior.
  - Walk away from negative situations and ask for help when I need it.
  - Take responsibility when I make a mistake.
  - Be someone my team can count on.
- Have Fun & Honor the Game:
  - Do my best in school so I may continue playing and appreciate the opportunity to compete.
  - Be a good sport whether we win or lose.
  - Make my team proud through my effort, attitude, and character.
  - Remember that **who I am and how I treat people is more important than the scoreboard.**

I am proud to be part of this team, and I will do my best to make it a positive place for everyone!