



YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL



Stoughton Boys Basketball Association (SBBA) YOUTH PROGRAM CODE OF CONDUCT

MISSION STATEMENT

SBBA is dedicated to developing player's basketball skills while creating a fun, safe, and equitable environment that enables both individuals and teams to excel on and off the court.

SBBA will coach participants, at all levels, to develop their basketball and personal skills through participation in basketball drills, practices, league games, and tournaments.

All participants will have access to quality coaching, facilities, equipment, practice time, and other resources to enhance their experience.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The SBBA aims to provide a basketball experience that will:

- Enhance the healthy development of character and morals for the youth that participate in the program,
- Work to improve each player's basketball fundamentals, skills, knowledge, and understanding of the game,
- Build team work and camaraderie among the players and the coaches,
- Set an exemplary standard of youth sports in our community, and
- Help prepare each player for adult life in our society.

The SBBA is conducted in accordance with Tri-County, YMCA, (or other league, tournament or event the Association participates in) rules and regulations along with the Stoughton High School Boy's Basketball program. The SBBA and high school basketball program share the philosophy of taking pride in winning on the basketball court. However, we do not condone "winning at all costs" and we discourage any and all pressures, which might lead to neglecting good sportsmanship and good mental health. At all times, the athletic program must be conducted in such a way that is an educational activity.

RULES

Players:

I, as a member of the SBBA program, do acknowledge receipt of and agree to the following rules:

1. I agree to display conduct both on and off the court that reflects only the highest standards of sportsmanship, remembering at all times, that my conduct is a direct reflection upon my parents/guardian, friends, teammates, coaches, the community of Stoughton, and the SBBA which I represent.
2. I agree that school is important. My school attendance and performance can be used to determine my participation in games and practices.
3. I agree to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs and not to associate with individuals who use any of the above named substances.
4. I agree to use only language which is socially acceptable this includes but is not limited to refraining from swearing, abusive, demeaning, racist or any other form of derogatory language at all times. This includes language used to taunt or intimidate others.
5. I agree to listen to the direction of my coach and to show respect toward my coaches, fellow players, and referees at all times.



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6. I agree to attend all scheduled practices and games to the best of my ability. If I cannot attend a practice or game because of health issues, religious observations or other extenuating circumstances, I (7th and 8th grade) or my parent/guardian (3rd-6th grades) will contact the head coach when I cannot attend. (i.e., at least 2 hours before a scheduled practice of game is recommended). If I miss more than 1/2 of a day of school on the day of a practice or game, I will not be allowed to practice or participate in a game on that day. Excused absences will not result in a playing time penalty.
7. I agree to respect the facilities where practices and games are held. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Picking up all trash, personal items and belongings before I leave the court.
 - b. Wearing appropriate attire and footwear while on the court.
 - c. Returning all equipment to its original place after practice or a game unless otherwise instructed by the coaches. This includes the use of basketballs, chairs, tables, or any other equipment used.
8. I understand that violations of the above rules could result in limited playing time, my removal from the team, and not being allowed to participate in any SBBA function if necessary.

Parents/Guardians:

I as a parent/guardian of a Stoughton Boys Basketball Association (SBBA) player I do acknowledge receipt of and agree to the following rules:

1. I agree to display conduct during any team function (practices, games, etc) that reflects only the highest standards of sportsmanship this includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Using socially acceptable language.
 - b. Demonstrating respect to referees or anyone assisting in a game or practice.
 - c. Demonstrating respect to coaches, players, other parents, and other individuals regardless of their team affiliation.
2. I agree to try to resolve any issue in an orderly manner. Concerns involving my child, and their team or coach, should first be addressed by trying to talk about those concerns with the head coach of the team. (If a situation arises during a game or practice, unless it is of the utmost importance, it is asked that the parent/guardian allow 24 hours to pass before addressing any issue with the coach). If this does not solve the situation, I will contact the Board Member that is my Grade Representative to help rectify the problem.
3. I agree to see that my child attends the scheduled practices and games on time (It is recommended that players arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before a practice and are picked up promptly at the end of practice and games). If my child will arrive late for a practice or game, I will do my best to notify the head coach in advance.
4. I understand that violations of the above rules could result in my being asked to leave the practice facility, game, or event and potentially being barred from future participation in the program.

Coaches:

I understand that my responsibility as a coach in the SBBA program is a very important one. It is a role that this is critical to the Mission, Program Philosophy and success of the program. As such, I agree to abide by the following principles or rules:

1. I will promote good sportsmanship. I understand that my players will learn from the example I set. I will do my best to control my emotions; avoid actions language and gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating. I will teach my players how to behave after a win or a loss. I will respect the game officials and their authority. I will follow the Tri-County seat belt rule that requires coaches to remain sitting on the bench during the game unless calling a time out.
2. I am committed to promoting good basketball fundamentals – It is SBBA's philosophy to develop a strong foundation to develop fundamental basketball skills. Fundamental skills that should be



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emphasized include: dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and defending as supported and encouraged by the Stoughton High School Coaching Staff. Wins and losses come and go but there is only once chance to develop a player's fundamental skills.

3. I will promote fun and avoid being too serious. Winning is a consideration, but not the only or most important one. Coaches should care more about their players than winning games. The purpose of practicing and playing for our youth is to have fun. The game should be for the youth and not the adults.
4. I will promote a positive atmosphere. I will refrain from ridiculing or yelling at players for making mistakes or losing a game. I will not single out players for criticism in front of their peers. Players need to feel it is safe to try things and OK to fail without risking the disapproval of their coach or teammates.
5. I will be patient. I understand that players need the freedom to make mistakes on the court and it's your job to help them learn from those mistakes. One or two corrections won't be enough. This will take time and patience.
6. I will respect the authority of the referees. I will refrain from disputing, challenging, or excessively arguing a referee's decision. When I do ask a question or seek clarification, I will do so in a calm manner. It is important that I set the right tone for my team by never arguing a call or disparaging an official. I will not blame a loss on the officials. I will refrain from confronting an official before, during, or after a game.
7. I will learn the rules of the game and the league in which your team will be competing in. I will follow the rules during the games at all times. I will obtain rule book, and read the rules of the league/tournament in advance of the first game. I will identify any special rules or policies of the league or the tournament the team participates in.
8. I will do my best to be everyone's coach. I understand that all players deserve your coaching at practices and in games. I will do my best to ensure a good team experience all players by letting everyone contribute. If I coach my own child, I will not shine too much or too little light on them. I will do my best to treat everyone as equals.
9. I will take care of the facility we practice and play in. I will know the building use rules and regulations and make sure the players and spectators follow them. I can assign a team parent this responsibility during home games.
10. I agree to read, follow, and promote the principles and guidelines as described in the Stoughton Youth Program booklet (as written by the Stoughton High School Coaching staff). Copies of this booklet will be made available to coaches at the beginning of each season.
11. I understand that violations of the above rules and principles could result in my being asked to no longer be a coach in the SBBA program

SBBA Oversight Committee:

SBBA will establish an oversight committee to ensure the rules in the Code of Conduct are abided to at all times. Any and all decisions involving an infraction of these rules/principles and the potential outcome, will be the decision of the Oversight Committee. Questions on the rules/principles contained herein should be directed to the SBBA Oversight Committee. As a guideline, a violation of a rule/principle will result in the following:

- a) First violation -- One game suspension.
- b) Second violation – Three games suspension and SBBA Oversight review.
- c) Third violation – SBBA Oversight Committee review which may lead to a dismissal from the program.