

Prohibited acts; penalty for violations

A. Any parent, coach, or official at any Teaneck Youth Basketball sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, parent, or spectator shall be banned from attendance at all Teaneck Youth Basketball (TYB) events including travel games for the 2006-2007 season. Pending a decision by the executive committee, the player may also be suspended for action initiated by a parent or guardian.

B. Any parent, coach or official at any TYB event who enters the court during any youth sports event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, players or officials shall be banned from attendance at all TYB sports events within the township of Teaneck including travel games for the 2006-2007 season.

C. Any parent, coach, or official at any TYB sports' event who verbally abuses officials, players, or spectators, including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures, or racial, ethnic, religious or sexual slurs, may be reprimanded from the date of the incident and shall be subject to discipline as provided by the applicable code of conduct.

D. Any parent, guest, spectator or official at any youth sports event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the court during any TYB sports' event may be banned from attendance at all TYB events for a period of 12 months from the date of incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided by the applicable code of conduct.

Authority to remove violators from premises.

Any parent, official, coach or spectator at a TYB sporting event shall be subject to the authority of league officials or their designees. This authority shall also include any TYB teams practice or instructional event, and such authority shall include the authorization to direct any person or persons involved in any incident in violation of this chapter or applicable code of conduct to immediately remove themselves from the premises. Pending a decision by the executive committee, the player may also be expelled for the season by action initiated by a parent or guardian.

No refunds will be given if player is expelled.



Sportsmanship

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

Here are some suggestions on how to build sportsmanship in your child:

- Unless you're coaching your child's team, you need to remember that you're the parent. Shout words of encouragement, not directions, from the sidelines (there is a difference!).
- Keep your comments positive. Don't bad-mouth coaches, players, or game officials. If you have a serious concern about the way that games or practices are being conducted, or if you're upset about other parents' behavior, discuss it privately with your child's coach or with a league official.
- When you're talking to your child after a competition, it's important not to dwell on who won or lost. Instead, you might ask your child, "How did you feel you did during the game?" If your child mentions that he or she didn't do well at a particular skill, like throwing or catching, offer to work on these skills with your child before the next game.
- Applaud good plays no matter who makes them.
- Set a good example with your courteous behavior toward the parents of kids on the other team. Congratulate them when their kids win.
- Remember that it's your child, not you, who is playing. Don't push your child into a sport because it's what you enjoyed. As your child gets older, let your child choose the sport he or she wants to play, and let him or her decide the level of commitment he or she wants to make to it.
- Keep your perspective. It's just a game. Even if your child's team loses every game of the season it's unlikely to ruin his or her life or chances of success.
- Finally, don't forget to have fun. Even if your child isn't the star, enjoy the game while you're thinking of all the benefits your child is gaining - new skills, new friends, and attitudes that can help him or her all through life.