

Sample Youth Basketball Team Contract

1. **SCHOOL COMES FIRST.** Your grades and true class work come before basketball. I am not talking about extra-curricular activities – only to circumstances that will affect your grades. Do your homework and studying when you should. If you don't wait until the last day to do your homework or studying, school will rarely interfere with basketball.

2. **ALL PRACTICES AND LEARNING SESSIONS ARE REQUIRED.** We know that circumstances may arise where you must miss a learning session, (vacations, illnesses, etc.) When this occurs the player is to :

- A. Inform their coach in advance, when possible
- B. Write a note explaining the absence, and have it signed by their parent(s)

When "A" and "B" are completed, the absence MAY be excused. The first unexcused tardy will be taken care of in our practices/learning sessions, and parents making excuses doesn't work. The second unexcused tardy will be treated as an unexcused absence. Being grounded by your parents will be treated as an unexcused absence – just don't do anything to get grounded. You are responsible for your own actions.

- A. the 1st unexcused absence will result in the player being benched the next game
- B. the 2nd unexcused absence may result in the player being dismissed from the team

3. All players are to treat teammates and coaches **WITH RESPECT AND COURTESY.** Behavior that puts other players or coaches down, results in profanity, or demonstrates lack of self-control, **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any instance of this behavior will result in being asked to leave the practice/learning session or the game. Such a request will be treated as an unexcused absence.

4. We know that being a part of this demanding basketball experience will require sacrifices, adjustments, and extra-ordinary commitment on the part of the players, their families, and the coaches. However we are working to achieve extra-ordinary team and individual success, which demands extra-ordinary efforts on all of our parts.

5. Players will be constantly evaluated on their demonstration of coach-ability, hustle, mental and physical toughness, **LOYALTY** to the team, unselfishness, and the desire to improve their skills. Our goal is to have a team that constantly demands more of themselves than is demanded by the coaching staff.

6. The members of this team are expected to work harder than any other basketball team in the area. This is not a goal – this is an expectation.

7. Our job as coaches is to teach you enough so that you can be the very best you can be. Your job is to learn.

8. We recognize the importance of knowing how much time you will play during games. This teams Playing Time policy is:

Playing Time (PT) Policy	Travel Season	Tournaments
No PT guarantee		
50% per game PT guarantee		
50% per season/tournament PT guarantee		

Players: I agree to abide by the expectations described on this sheet.	Parents: My child has shared with me the expectations described on this sheet, and I will give them all the possible help and support needed to meet them successfully.
Signed by PLAYER:	Signed by PARENTS:
Date:	Date: