

**Blue Mountain Recreation Commission
Youth Basketball League
2025-2026 Season
Conduct**

CONDUCT

The League will not tolerate any ill-mannered actions against the referees, Recreation Commission employees and staff, coaches, players, or spectators. The League's "Code of Conduct" will be followed and strictly enforced. The facility rules set forth by the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission, Orwigsburg Borough, and the Blue Mountain School District must be followed. Offenders will be evicted from the building, and chronic offenders will be evicted from the League.

a. Coaches

- i. Coaches are asked to maintain composure at practices and games with respect towards the players, other coaches, referees, and spectators.
- ii. Coaches not complying with any rules will be given a written warning along with any penalties (including suspension).
- iii. If a second violation occurs, the coach will be permanently evicted from the League and will not be permitted to return as a coach.
- iv. A coach's job is to instill in his/her team the skills that are necessary to build better basketball players for future programs. It is nice to win, but losing is also a part of the game. This is a recreational league.

b. Players

- i. Harassing other players, coaches, or referees will not be tolerated. There will be no unsportsmanlike behavior displayed at games or practices, which include stomping of feet on bleachers, yelling while another player is taking a foul shot, deliberately using the elbows or tripping, and foul language of any kind.
- ii. Disciplinary actions will be taken immediately if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed.
- iii. Ejection by a referee for conduct will result in at least a one-game suspension and may require a meeting with League officials prior to resuming participation.

c. Spectators

- i. Spectators/parents are expected to follow the guidelines for sportsmanship.
- ii. No harassment of any coach, referee, staff member, or player is permitted.
- iii. No screeching, screaming, shouting, or stomping of the feet at any time during the game.
- iv. Failure to comply with the rules will result in eviction from the building.
- v. We encourage applause if a child or team makes a great play.

d. Eviction

- i. Referees are permitted to evict anyone from the facility at their discretion, including coaches, players, and spectators.
- ii. All evictions will be managed as set forth by the Recreation Commission and will only be conducted by Recreation staff and/or a police escort. In no manner should a League member physically encounter any person during said eviction.
- iii. The League may impose further penalties.

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Youth Basketball League Code of Conduct

All Blue Mountain Recreation Commission youth basketball league participants, parents, friends, and guardians, whether officers, directors, managers, coaches or spectators will abide by the CODE OF CONDUCT by registering their child to participate in the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission youth basketball league. We specifically agree that:

1. We will remember the game is for the children, not the adults.
2. We will timely inform the coach of any physical ailment or other reason that may affect the safety of a player or the safety of others. Children will not be forced to participate. We will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of personal desires to win.
3. We will be positive role models for all the children, encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
4. We will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and well-being of any others. We understand participation is a privilege for our family and player. We will contribute to an environment free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at all events we attend.
5. We will treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. We will put emphasis on team unity, team spirit and good fair competition.
6. We will respect the coaches and their authority during practices and games and will not publicly question, discuss or confront coaches at the basketball court, but we will take time to speak calmly and civilly at agreed upon places and times.
7. We will not undermine the coaching by instructing any players during games or practices, unless acting as one of the official coaches of the team.
8. We will learn and review all these rules and guidelines with the players and those members of his/her family who choose to be at Blue Mountain Recreation Commission events. We will encourage everyone to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. We will discuss concerns with the coach first and not in the presence of players. If further discussion is warranted, the Recreation Commission staff can then be contacted. We will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, and using threats, profanity, insults, or gestures.

We agree that if we fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, break the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or otherwise disrupt Blue Mountain Recreation Commission youth basketball league activities that we and/or the player will be subject to disciplinary actions that could include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1st action: Verbal warning by coach or Recreation Commission staff with or without follow-up written documentation. This warning may include directions to immediately leave the facility or suffer further sanctions
- 2nd action: Parental/player suspension for subsequent events with written documentation of incident.
- 3rd action: Parental/player season suspension or debarment from all facilities, courts, practices, games, meetings, or other events for the rest of the calendar year or permanently.

Actions 2 and 3 may occur even without a 1st or 2nd action under appropriate circumstances, and all but the 1st action shall be determined by the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, after the alleged offending party is duly notified, on not less than 24-hour notice, which may be by notice given in person, by writing, by telephone, by email or by text delivery, and it shall include the time and date of a hearing that the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission's Board sets for the purpose of hearing the facts giving rise to the problem alleged. Those involved risk whatever the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission's Board determines if they, for whatever reason, fail to attend such hearing. There is no appeal within the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission and the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission's decision is considered final.

