



# BASKETBALL COACHES INFORMATION



## ADMINISTRATIVE

### Sport Policies and Procedures

#### A. Sportsmanship

It is the obligation of coaches, players, administrators, volunteers, and other representatives of the AAU to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and to observe the ethics of competition. Good sportsmanship is defined as qualities of behavior, which are characterized by courtesy and genuine concern for others. The display of good sportsmanship is a statement of the individual's understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

#### Coaches' Ethics

The coach must be aware that he can be either a positive or a negative influence upon the development of the athlete. In all of his personal contacts with athletes, officials, parents, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. In keeping with that goal, the following ethical guidelines should be observed by all AAU coaches:|

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must always consider the personal safety of the athlete.
3. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.
4. Game officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite the players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of the officials or players is unethical.
5. The coach should respect his opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require his players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the contest, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
7. Only the Head Coach of the team is permitted to stand at the player's bench.
8. Only the Head Coach of the team is permitted to address Officials in a respectful manner. If the head coach receives a technical foul or a member of his coaching staff or players bench receives a technical foul, the head coach will be seated the remainder of the game. Any additional technical fouls issued by be subject to ejection.

#### Ejections

##### COACH & PLAYER

Any coach or player ejected from a game, before, during or after such contest will automatically be suspended for one additional game. If a coach or player is ejected for a second time will be suspended for two additional games. If a coach or player is ejected for the third time will result in being suspended from ALL SOASYA functions for the remainder of the current season. For a coach that has more then one team, ejections are accumulated for a season and not associated with a team. **Also, if a coach is ejected from a game then he is also ejected from all remaining games for that day regardless if coaching more then one team in the league.**

##### SPECTATOR

**\* COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FANS/SPECTATORS.**

**If at any time the officials have issues with a fan/spectator, they will come to each coach to identify the person(s). At that time it will be your responsibility to address the issue. If either coach does not know the person then the officials will stop the game, address the fan/spectator with a warning. If unsporting behavior continues, the game will stop, the officials will get the administration and that fan/spectator will be removed from the facility.**

Any spectator ejected from a game, before, during or after such contest will be removed from SOAS premises until 15 minutes after the contest in question. The spectator will then be permitted to return the following game. However, if a spectator is found to be a repeating violator, then they will automatically be suspended for one week. Any occurrences from that point on will result in that spectator being banned from returning to all future games during that season.

## B. REGISTRATION / PARTICIPATION

1. **ROSTERS MUST** be turned in before or on the day of the first game.  
A team may add players to their roster throughout the season as long as they turn in an addendum to their original roster submitted. A player **MUST** play in 3 or more regular season games to be eligible for the end of season tournament. A team found in violation of this rule will forfeit any game that the illegal player(s) participated.
2. **League Fees** **MUST** be paid in **FULL** at the time of team registration or by the date posted by this administration.
3. **Referee Fees: NO PRE-PAYS FOR OFFICIALS FOR THE SEASON ARE PERMITTED.** If you are paying for an organization that has games on a certain day then that is accepted the day the games are to be played only.
4. **Game Re-scheduling**

We **MAKE NO GARANTEES** to reschedule games.

**Reschedules / Cancellations:** All cancellations or schedule change requests **MUST** be received before Wednesday 6 p.m. for the current weekend games. If a cancellation occurs after that day and time, a \$25 fee will be assessed to the team and must be paid before your next game. Failure to do so will result in all games being forfeited until the fee is paid. If possible, this administration will try and contact another team in the league to see if they would be interested in playing multiple games that day and take the place of the team that cancelled. If so, all referee fees will be the responsibility of the teams playing as normal procedure.

If a team no shows, a \$50 fee will be assessed to the team and must be paid before your next game. Failure to do so will result in all games being forfeited until the fee is paid. Once the fee is paid, \$25 will be given to the team who showed up and did not have a game.

**Make-up days:** We will make every effort to make up games on Sunday's however, based upon availability games could be scheduled on a different day. If a game is not able to be played on the makeup day, the team that originally cancelled will receive the forfeit.

### 5. *Participation and Eligibility within Sports of All Sorts Youth Association / AAU*

All teams are responsible for their own registrations with the National AAU office. However, SOASYA does not require teams to become AAU Sanctioned but does **REQUIRE ALL TEAMS** to have secondary medical insurance for all players prior to the start of the season.

A Player is **NOT** eligible to play in the same age/grade division on more than one team. If a team wants to play more games, they are encouraged to also register their team at the age/grade division at the next level in addition to their appropriate age/grade level.

\*Note: In cases of combined divisions (i.e 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are together) due to number of teams, A player is permitted to play on both the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team and 5<sup>th</sup> grade team during the course of regular season. It is strongly encouraged however that coaches try **NOT** to allow players to play for both teams for no reason. The only reason would be to prevent a team from having to forfeit a game due to low player numbers for that game. **HOWEVER**, when the end of season tournament is played, that player **MUST** only play for one team. The coach must notify the Director prior to playing in any tournament game. Failure to follow this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.

## 6. Tournament Eligibility

In order for a player to become eligible for the end of season tournament, they MUST be a legally rostered player, and have played in at least 3 regular season games. All legally rostered player names will be printed in the score book at the scorers' table during every game. If your player names are not printed or the information is incorrect, it is your responsibility to notify the league director and provide the necessary updates. Any time a roster question is received during the tournament, it will be the COACH of that team's responsibility to work with the league director to provide the proof of player eligibility. If proper proof cannot be shown, the game will be forfeited.

**THERE IS A \$25 DOLLAR PROTEST FEE. IF THE HEAD COACH OF THE TEAM PROTESTING THE ILLEGAL PLAYER IS FOUND TO BE CORRECT, A \$25 REFUND WILL BE GIVEN BACK. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE ANY RESEARCH IS DONE. PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THE HEAD COACH CAN PROTEST A TOURNAMENT GAME.**

## 7. Coaching Staff

Each team may have up to three coaches per team on the bench however, only the head coach will be able to address the officials, request time-outs and approach the table. This is in accordance with NFHS rules. Also, each team Head Coach, Assistant Coach1 and Assistant Coach2 will receive a Coach's Pass to allow them into the facility during AAU games ONLY without paying admission. **ONE OF THESE COACHES MUST KEEP THE OFFICIAL BOOK AT THE TABLE.** If a coach loses their pass a duplicate will be supplied the first time free of charge. Additional replacement will result in a \$10.00 replacement fee. Cards will be checked at the front gate and compared against the master list, once a card is used for that day you will not be able to use it again on that day. Make sure in cases where you have to return, that your HAND GETS STAMPED.

## C. LEAGUE OPERATING RULES

The Official Operating Rules will be the National Federation of High Schools except as stated below.

### 1. Ball Size

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls will use 28.5

6<sup>th</sup> grade and up GIRLS will use 28.5

6<sup>th</sup> grade and up BOYS will use 29.5

### 2. Restricted Areas

**NO** one is permitted to coach from the spectator sidelines.

Coaches **MUST** stay within the confines of their designated coaching area.

3. Clock is a running clock when there is a 25 point difference at any time during the second half of the game and will stay in effect for the remainder of the game regardless if the difference falls under 25.

### 4. Weather Hotline

Coaches and players may contact Sports of All Sorts at 372-7754 or go to our web site at [www.sportsofallsortsky.com](http://www.sportsofallsortsky.com) to see if any game has been canceled due to weather conditions. The Administration in the interest of safety reserves the right to cancel games when weather conditions may place parents, coaches and players at risk when in route to or from the facility. Please look under LATEST NEWS for these updates.

## D. POLICY FOR COMPLAINTS ON - COACHES

- 1. Complaints from coaches about a coach/parent** (this lets us know if we have a problematic situation with a particular coach that we need to address)  
EXAMPLE: We have had several scenarios in which complaints have been received on what others feel are abusive or unsporting coaches and felt that the issue needed to be addressed with the coach. These issues could be related to his conduct in addressing his players, officials, parents or the other team's coaches, players or parents. This also pertains to showing overall good sportsmanship towards the game itself. All complaints received on a coach will be kept on file for proper tracking.
- 2. Complaints from officials about a coach/parent**  
Follows the procedures listed below. However, it is expected that if an official has game related mis-conduct from a coach that the rules pertaining to the issuing of a technical foul be given. If a coach receives a technical foul either directly or indirectly then all coaches must remain seated on the bench for the remainder of the game. If any other technical's are issued against the bench then the head coach will receive either a direct or indirect technical foul. If a coach receives 3 indirect or 2 direct or 2 indirect and 1 direct, then the coach is removed from the current game and receives an additional 1 game suspension. This follows the standard rules for all basketball leagues. If a coach is ejected from a game, they must leave the immediate area of the game (out of site and sound of the court).

ANY COACH, PARENT OR PLAYER THAT CONFRONTS AN OFFICIAL, THREATENS AN OFFICIAL OR ANOTHER COACH/PARENT BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FACILITY, AND SUSPENDED. THE NUMBER OF GAMES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR AND IF NECESSARY, COULD BE SUSPENDED FROM LEAGUE PLAY FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

When complaints are received, the following procedures are used to address the situation. (ALL COMPLAINTS ON COACHES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE HEAD COACH OF THE TEAM ISSUING THE COMPLAINT. ALL COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE) this administration WILL NOT communicate with a teams parents individually on these issues, any response from this administration will go to the Head Coach ONLY!

- ◆ If a coach receives a written complaint from another coach then the director will discuss the matter with the coach either verbally or in written form. The complaint will remain on file for the remainder of the current season.
- ◆ If a coach receives a second complaint occurring on a different day/game, then the director will send a written correspondence with details from the written correspondence from the coach issuing the complaint and then allowing them to provide a rebuttal to the statements. I will then share those with the initial coach. A warning will be issued to the coach in question that their conduct must reflect the proper sportsmanship that follows the codes of conduct of this organization as well as AAU or the KHSAA.
- ◆ If a coach receives a third complaint occurring on a different day/game bringing the total complaints during the season to 3, the coach will be suspended for 1 game by this administration for failure to follow the standards of the organization.
- ◆ Further complaints may result in the coach/team being removed from the current league as well as possible future leagues.

## **E. POLICY FOR COMPLAINTS ON - OFFICIALS**

### **JUDGEMENT CALLS WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION**

1. Complaints about an official (this lets us know if we have an official that needs more training, or simply should not be Used). EXAMPLE: We had an official that started experiencing frequent complaints. After noticing the trend, the assignor talked to this official and discovered that he was having some personal problems that caused him to be a bit uptight. We requested that he take some time off from officiating until his personal life was back in order to avoid the additional stress.

2. Complaints FROM a coach/parent (this lets us know if that complaints are simply from someone whose team may not be doing well, or is simply more proan to complaining.) We have had these scenarios in the past; however, we take into consideration when complaints are filed by this type of coach that we do not hold it against the coach, league or the officials.

When complaints are received, the following procedures are used to address the situation. (ALL COMPLAINTS ON OFFICIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE HEAD COACH OF THE TEAM ISSUING THE COMPLAINT/EVALUTION FORM. ALL COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE this administration WILL NOT communicate with a parents individually on these issues, any response from this administration will go through the Head Coach ONLY!

- ◆ If an official receives a written complaint then the director will discuss the matter with the assignor either verbally or in written form. The complaint will remain on file for the remainder of the current season. The assignor, under his/her discretion, may investigate to determine if any issues are involved or if training is needed.
- ◆ If an official receives a second complaint occurring on a different day/game, then the director will send a written correspondence with details from the written correspondence from the coach issuing the complaint to the assignor. From that point the assignor will handle any correspondence and action needed to resolve any issues if found with the official directly. There will not be any additional information supplied back to the coach unless it pertains to a rules question/issue. The officials, although are individual contractors, are considered a part of this administrations extended staff and therefore, any action taken will be handled on a professional level within the organization.

## **SUMMARY:**

- ◆ Submit your team registration form and league fee. at the CASHIERS desk at the Mt. Zion location.
- ◆ Complete your team roster and turn in at the CASHIERS desk at the Mt. Zion location.
- ◆ It is recommended that each coach carries all player birth certificates / grade verification to each game.

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