

# ***PENNSYLVANIA BLUE THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB***

## **COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

The mission of the Pennsylvania Blue Thunder Basketball Club is to provide the means by which the youth membership of the club may grow and mature into productive adults through the medium of basketball. The Club offers a set of experiences both on and off the court aimed at this mission and it is the obligation of the adult leadership of the Club and parents of the members to facilitate this objective by educating and providing an appropriate environment for the members of the Club.

The goal of the Club is to carry out its mission, which is not only measured by its teams success on the basketball court, but also in the improvement of its membership as individuals. Playing basketball is one medium which is used to accomplish the mission of the Club. An important part of this goal are the volunteers who coach the members of the Club.

Coaches are selected on the basis of knowledge of the game of basketball with a devotion to the team they coach and the Club. An ongoing consideration is the ability of the coach to administer to the needs of the team without prejudice to any particular player, parent, or other influence that would detract from appropriate, impartial treatment. Selection of coaches is subject to the approval of the governing body of the Club.

The Club expects its coaches individually and collectively to maintain the highest professional level of conduct on and off the basketball court.

1. Coaches are accountable to the highest standard of honesty and integrity. All practices should be consistent with the rules of the game and the educational purposes of the sport and the Club.
2. Coaches are responsible for teaching members the necessary knowledge and skills of basketball as well as promoting personal and social traits of their athletes consistent with the mission and goal of the Club.
3. Coaches treat all persons with dignity and respect providing a model of sportsmanship.
4. Coaches observe the letter and intent of the rules of the sport and insist that athletes and teams under their direction do the same.
5. Coaches have a primary concern for the health, safety and personal welfare of each athlete while they are practicing or playing in a game.
6. Coaches perform their duties on the basis of what they observe in practices and the skills of each member and the commitment made by each member.

7. Coaches have an obligation to respect the confidentiality of information obtained from parents or members during their coaching.
8. Coaches should take an active role in the prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
9. Coaches shall not engage, encourage any member to engage, nor any parent to engage in any conduct that would cause emotional or physical harm to any other player, opposing player, opposing coach, or official.

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Witness

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Coach's Name

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Date

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Coach's Name Printed