



West Island Outdoor Basketball League

Code of Conduct 2025 Season

This Code of Conduct has been approved and instituted by the executive of WIOBL, June 2005

Section I

I. CONDUCT OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN WIOBL BASKETBALL

Sportsmanship among the Coaches, players and fans is a fundamental part of all WIOBL activities. Inappropriate behavior by any participant in WIOBL Basketball, including fans, players, Coaches and referees, will not be tolerated at any time, for any reason. The conduct of all WIOBL participants is subject to review by the Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee (see Section II below).

Code of Conduct. All Coaches, players, and spectators shall be familiar with the WIOBL Code of Conduct and Philosophy and will abide by the Code and accept the responsibilities therein.

Code of Conduct – Coaches

- A. **Player Instruction.** Coaches will instruct team members in the rules and coach their team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to WIOBL rules and regulations and the rules of basketball at all times. Coaches have an obligation to involve all of their players in the game and to make sure the players act in a proper manner toward the referees and opposing players and Coaches. Coaches shall run their team for the benefit of all team members and will put the interest of the team above their own interests or the interest of a specific player or players.
- B. **Participation in the Program.** Coaches are representatives of WIOBL Basketball and as such have an obligation to the program. Although it is expected that Coaches have many interests outside the basketball program, for the duration of the basketball season coaches will give priority to the interests of their team and WIOBL Basketball Program overall.

- C. **Parents & Spectators.** Coaches are role models and must keep in mind that their behavior and attitude will greatly influence the actions of their players and their fans. Coaches will ensure that their players, parents and fans demonstrate good sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites. At the request of a referee, the Coach must assist in controlling the players and fans. Fans must understand that attendance at WIOBL activities is a privilege, not a right, and the lack of good sportsmanship can result in removal from the court.
- D. **Coaches Conduct Toward Officials.** Coaches are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times regardless of the circumstances, and should recognize that the officials are well intentioned and have no bias toward any player, team, or Coach. In particular, Coaches involved in games with younger, or inexperienced referees must recognize that mistakes are unavoidable and part of the game. The Coach's behavior, particularly the respect shown to the referees, even when they make a mistake, is critical in maintaining control of the game and fostering an attitude of good sportsmanship. Any discussion regarding rule interpretation shall take place quietly before the start of the game, or at half time. Officials will be instructed to call a technical foul against a Coach who, in their judgment, becomes abusive in language or badgering actions during the game.
- E. **WIOBL Requirement.** All Coaches (over the age of 18) must fill in a Police check forms to become accredited. WIOBL Coaches, under the age of 18, must arrange to practice with an accredited Coach or have a team parent get accredited and attend all practices held outside the allotted time. No WIOBL activities will take place in WIOBL facilities without an accredited Coach or Assistant Coach present.

Section II

CODE OF CONDUCT & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. The Code of Conduct and Grievance Committee shall be composed of the Vice President, the Referee Director, the Level Director (Convener) for the team/individual involved, and Level Director (Convener) other than the level involved. The Committee shall review and, if necessary, assess penalties for violation of WIOBL Code of Conduct.

- A. **Mandatory Suspensions.** Any player or Coach ejected from a game due two technical fouls assessed by the referees is automatically suspended for the teams next scheduled game (including tournament games). Referees must notify the Referee Director the day of the game of any such ejections. The Referee Director will notify the appropriate League Level Director (Convener). If suspended, a Coach or player may participate in practice but may not participate in the next scheduled game. A suspended player may attend the game and sit with his team but may not wear his team's uniform shirt. Suspended Coaches may not attend the game.
- B. **Mandatory Reviews.** The Committee will review the conduct of any player, Coach or fan that has been ejected from more than one game in a season due to technical fouls.
- C. **Optional Reviews.** The Referee Director, any League Level Director (Convener) or Board member may request the Committee to review the conduct of any participant in WIOBL basketball who they believe is in violation of the Code of Conduct. The Committee will conduct such a review if one member of the Committee believes it is justified.

Any other participant in WIOBL Basketball may also request a review by the Committee if he/she feels they are being treated unfairly. The Committee, at its discretion, may decline to review or take action on any of these situations.

- D. **Method of Review.** The Committee shall conduct its reviews in any method it deems appropriate but must involve all individuals affected by its review (e.g., the individual under review, Coach, League Director, Referee Director and any other individuals involved in the situation).
- E. **Penalties.** The Committee shall assess such penalties as it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, verbal or written instructions or reprimands, suspension from games, or the suspension from future participation in WIOBL activities. The Committee is not limited to penalties within the current basketball season. Any action, which would apply to a penalty beyond the current season, must be reviewed and approved by the executive.
- F. Only the executive can approve and take action against another member of the executive.

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Coach's Acceptance Form

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the WIOBL Basketball Code of Conduct.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____