

Hopedale Youth Basketball League

Travel Program Code of Conduct

2018-2019 Season

Introduction – Hopedale Youth Basketball League (HYBL) believes it's important to communicate our philosophy of playing and behavior regarding the Travel Program. In doing so, it's important to clearly state our expectations for all who participate in the program including the players, parents, and coaches. Participation in the Travel Program involves a significant commitment, and it's important that the expectations of the players and their parents are aligned with the philosophy of the Board and our instructions to our coaches. We ask that each parent and child review the Board's philosophy and expectations and sign the bottom of this form. No child will be allowed to play for or practice with a travel team unless the child and their parent /guardian sign this form.

HYBL Philosophy – The primary purpose of HYBL is to provide children an opportunity to learn the game of basketball in an enjoyable, competitive and safe environment suitable to the individual's abilities and interests.

HYBL Travel is open to students in grades 4-8 enrolled in Hopedale Public Schools or students who live in Hopedale and go to a school outside of Hopedale. The Travel Program is geared towards children seeking a more competitive environment in which to learn the game. It is the goal of the Board that each travel team be competitive in the majority of its games while providing playing time to each child in each half of each game. Game participation is contingent on each child living up to his/her commitment as outlined below.

Players Code:

- No child will be allowed to participate in the HYBL program unless they are in good standing with their school system both from an academic and disciplinary perspective. No child will be allowed to participate in the HYBL program while under suspension from school or while serving some form of in-school punishment.
- Players are expected to attend each practice and game and will contact their coach in advance if they cannot.
- It is expected that players will do their best at all times, avoid negative remarks to any player, official or coach and always act in a sportsmanlike manner, win or lose.
- Have fun.

Parents Code:

- Parents are expected to encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches on both teams, and officials at every game and practice.
- Parents are encouraged to help their children work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game and practice.
- Parents agree to support the coaches and officials working with their children. Parents are encouraged to discuss concerns, if any, first with the coach in a constructive and polite manner and, if the concerns are not resolved, will discuss the concern with a member of the HYBL Board in a similar manner.
- It is expected that parents will avoid negative remarks to any player, official, coach or other parent and always act in a sportsmanlike manner, win or lose.
- Parents are expected to cover the admission table and concession stand at travel games held at the Memorial School gym. Coaches will be asked to develop a concession schedule for each game their team is assigned.

Coaches Code:

- Coaches are expected to follow the philosophy outlined by the HYBL Board of Directors.
- Coaches are expected to provide a safe environment in which to teach the children the game of basketball. Coaches will immediately bring any concerns regarding safety to the attention of the Board.
- Coaches are expected to encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, opposing coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
- Coaches are expected to control their teams, assistant coaches and their fans at all times.
- Coaches must report any technical fouls received by themselves, their assistants, or their players to the board within three business days after the technical foul is issued.

Violations:

These codes are in place to provide all participants with a safe and positive environment to develop basketball skills at a competitive level. In the event that violations to these codes arise, the HYBL Board of Directors will, in general, take the following actions:

- Players will receive a warning for their first violation and will be suspended for a game with any subsequent violations.
- Any flagrant or continued violation of these codes will be reviewed by the Board and may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.
- Parents/Guardians/Spectators will be immediately suspended for any violations that negatively reflects the HYBL program. This is inclusive to any incident related to In-Town or Travel events whether they occur on school property, off site or on social media. The length of suspension will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Player's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date