



COACH GUIDELINE STATEMENT

Thank you very much for the commitment you are showing in volunteering to coach this season for the North Reading Youth Basketball program. We are proud to have you as a member of our organization. The following are some guidelines and requirements which will help our program run smoothly. Please read them, and return this to your division coordinator. Thank you again.

1. You must be at least 20 years of age to be a head coach for an in-town program team. Those under 20 years of age can be considered for the position of assistant coach at the discretion of the division age director in consultation with the board. Exceptions will be considered by the board in consultation with the division age director.
2. There is a maximum of two coaches per in-town team. Parents may assist with team activities following team selections provided the coach submits a request to the division age director for their participation and they pass a subsequent CORI check.
3. You are responsible to your assigned team for the complete winter season.
4. The conduct of your players and parents during the game and practice time is your ultimate responsibility. Make it clear to your players that gym practice time will be forfeited as a result of misconduct.
5. Please seek the support of the North Reading Youth Basketball board at any time with your questions or concerns.
6. Our purpose is to teach the game of basketball correctly and to instill a love of the game.
7. Coordinate reassignment of players to another team through your division director.
8. Coaches are expected to balance game time and to give all players an equitable share. Insufficient or excessive playing time is contrary to the mission of NRYB and is strongly discouraged.
9. Rules for your division will be passed out with this statement. Any questions can be handled by the league president or division directors.
10. Good sportsmanship is expected of all coaches, players, and fans. Referees will be instructed to give one warning to anyone who exhibits offensive behavior. The next time the person will be asked to leave the premises. This unacceptable behavior includes: verbal abuse, depreciating language, profanity, temper tantrums, or abuse of the referees.



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11. Good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior for players extends to the practice court and any related team activities. Unacceptable behavior includes physical confrontations such as, but not limited to, hitting, punching, kicking and shoving, profanity, taunting, deprecating language and tantrums. Coaches witnessing this type of behavior are required to immediately contact their Director or any Board Member. The Board will then decide what action it will take against the player, including suspension from team activities including practices and games up to and including expulsion from NRYB. Failure by a coach to notify the Director or any Board Member about this type of behavior can result in the coach being suspended from team activities including practices and games up to and including expulsion from NRYB.

12. You are our leaders in supporting the authority of the referees. We are lucky to have students to do this job. Help us support them.

13. All coaches should communicate with the referees to ensure both understand game expectations, rules and fouls.

14. Be on time for practice. Do not allow your players to roam the building. Trips to the bathroom and water cooler should be short. One player at a time is recommended.

15. Have a clear plan for your practice sessions. Organization builds respect from your players. The respect you show your players will be reflected in their play on the court. You will in turn keep their attention, and they will develop as players.

16. Do not give your players a chance to lose focus by keeping your practices interesting. We have a number of Board members who have coached for a number of years and can provide support. Also use the Director of Player Development as a resource.

17. If you experience a problem with a parent or player, inform your age director as soon as possible.

18. Help your division director in evaluating the conduct of the coaches in your division.

Thank you again for building an outstanding program.

Name (signature) _____

Name (printed) _____

Date _____

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