



## **GROTON - MYSTIC BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Groton-Mystic Basketball** promotes and mandates good conduct by all participants including players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators.

Good Conduct is essential to provide a safe athletic environment, good role models and a sense of community spirit throughout the league.

**Groton-Mystic Basketball** participants are to maintain and promote the highest standards of conduct at all times.

**Groton-Mystic Basketball** believes that good conduct and competitive sports can co-exist.

### **Players will:**

Be on time (If you're not five minutes early—you're late!)

Work hard to improve skills, learn the game and play by the rules.

1. Always respect teammates, opponents, coaches and referees.
2. Support teammates at all times.
3. Shake hands with opponents after the game.

### **Parents & Spectators will:**

1. Always behave in a manner that is consistent with **Groton-Mystic Basketball** mission: to teach winning habits and get young people prepared for life.
2. Parents are mindful that that they are not advancing the mission of teaching winning habits and getting young people prepared for life when:
  - o Derogatory remarks are directed at a student athlete (or instructions are yelled out onto the court).
  - o Speaking to a coach during the game—and in front of the children
  - o Stepping onto the court at any time during the playing of a game (which under League rule will likely result in the forfeit and end of the game).
3. **Groton-Mystic Basketball** parents advance the mission of teaching winning habits and getting young people prepared for life when:
  1. Being a positive role model by respecting all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators at all times.
  2. Valuing skills development, fair competition and good effort. And recognize that the efforts of all children, your own team and opponents, is more important than the outcome of the game.
  3. Cheering for all children on the team in a positive fashion, not just your own child.
  4. Refraining from rude or obnoxious behavior or comments toward the opposing team and officials, and never confront referees or other game personnel.
  5. Discouraging any behaviors or tactics that would endanger the health and well being of anyone.

### **Coaches will:**

1. Make skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, fun and learning the game...the goals of the team.
2. Be a positive role model by respecting all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators at all times. Coaches should not direct negative comments at the opposing team.
3. Learn and play by the rules of the game.
4. Be as respectful and restrained as possible in response to calls by officials.
5. Never lose their temper.
6. Be generous in their praise, emphasizing the efforts of players over the outcome of the game.
7. Be fair, honest and consistent in coaching philosophies and practices.
8. Recognize that children learn differently... and adapt coaching to each child's needs accordingly.
9. Communicate clearly to players and parents about goals for the team and what behavior is appropriate.
10. Provide a safe environment for the children to play.