

NYBA Code of Conduct

The NYBA Code specifically requires that all present in the gym be respectful and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and scorekeepers. To create a more positive and safe environment for all to enjoy the recreational basketball experience, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced by the NYBA officials, supervisors and Board:

- 1) No questioning or arguing of any call or non call by an official by anyone in the gym...that goes for a player, coach, parent or fan. A coach looking for clarification on a call or rule may approach a referee in a respectful manner during a break, time out, or dead ball. Anybody else questioning a call or non call will be asked to leave the gym immediately...No Discussion...if that person does not leave the gym immediately, the game will be stopped and may be terminated with the team responsible for the offense forfeiting the game. Repeat offenders are suspended for two more games and eventually could be removed from the League!
- 2) No use of vulgar language by anyone in the gym...that goes for a player, coach, parent or fan. Anybody using vulgar language will be asked to leave the gym immediately...No Discussion...if that person does not leave the gym immediately, the game will be stopped and may be terminated with the team responsible for the offense forfeiting the game. In addition, the person using vulgar language will be suspended for two additional games. Repeat offenders are out of the League!
- 3) No physical contact (fighting & hitting) or intimidating or taunting behavior. Physical contact of any kind will result in ejection and suspension or possibly expulsion from the league.
- 4) No behavior that disrespects and/or mocks the game thereby compromising the experience of others in the gym. Any player or group of players exhibiting this type of behavior will be asked to leave the gym and will be removed from the league.
- 5) No running up the score. A team committing this offense more than once will forfeit all wins with a margin of victory in excess of 35 points and the Coach will be suspended for the next game.

In addition, all other NYBA rules and penalties will remain in force. Please note that the NYBA Board now has zero tolerance for any individual committing any of the above offenses. There will be no appeal process. So the best course of action is to not commit the offense.

Coaches, you are responsible for your team's conduct (including your parents & fans). Please take the necessary steps with your team by getting the message out to everyone involved. The excuse of "I didn't know" will not be accepted. Be ready to support the strict adherence of these guidelines.