

OHIO HOME EDUCATION ATHLETIC TEAMS (H.E.A.T.)

CODE OF CONDUCT

II Peter 1:5-8

Biblical Christian principles and common sense will guide our code of conduct. Its purpose is to allow all of us to enjoy the sport, NOT to make our players constantly worry about getting an infraction. Our coaches are given the responsibility and authority to enforce the code of conduct with our players. The code of conduct is in force during ALL team functions, not just games. Player penalties can include being removed from the current game, reduced playing time in games following the infraction, formal apologies and restitution, and suspension from the team either temporarily or permanently. Coaches, players and families will be required to sign and abide by the code of conduct. Any blatant player, coach, or family member infraction that seems to have gone unnoticed can be brought to the Program Director in writing.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND INFRACTIONS

1. You are expected to show respect to the coach and any other team member at all times. You are expected to have immediate and 100% compliance with all coach's instructions (as long as they are consistent with this code of conduct or parental guidelines). Outward displays of displeasure will not be tolerated.
2. Teamwork means we conduct ourselves as a team on and off the court. We win and lose as a team. Any extreme and continued display of lack of teamwork is an infraction. Examples of this type of infraction are being unkind to a team member in general, blaming a team member for a mistake made during a game, or blaming a team member for losing a game. These are just a few examples of a lack of teamwork.
3. Absolutely **NO**
 - Swearing
 - Criticizing a teammate or opponent
 - Speaking rudely to officials
 - Pouting about coaching or officiating decisions
 - Fighting or provoking another player to fight

Players who cannot control their emotions, facial expressions, or their mouths, will be removed from the practice or game.

4. The sport you are engaged in will require both physical and mental endurance. As an athlete, you should recognize the importance of working hard, encouraging teammates, and setting goals to build endurance. Most sports are momentum games, which comes from the mental aspect of play. Therefore, it is important to work as a team, think as a team, and perform as a team.
5. The Ohio HEAT has a **ZERO TOLERANCE RULE** in regards to drinking, smoking, and drugs.
6. **COMMITMENT** and **SELF-DISCIPLINE** by the individual are essential and necessary for the success of the team. ALL coaches, players and parents must work together to ensure success.

7. Anytime you need to speak to any of the coaches about a challenge or concern, please call and schedule a convenient meeting time. It is critical that any conflict or problem be resolved or worked out for the unity of the team. **This same policy applies to parents. Discussions should take place at appropriate times and in proper settings. Unless previously scheduled, DO NOT expect to discuss a problem with the coach during or after a practice.**
8. Coaches understand the importance of providing each player with adequate playing time. However, the amount of playing time each player receives is at the discretion of the coach. Playing time is not a right. It is earned through effort at practice, attitude and playing ability.
9. If you are unable to attend a scheduled practice, game or event, let your coach know as quickly as possible.
10. Our practices have a specific purpose behind them as well as a limited amount of time. It is essential that each member of a team be on time. Walk on the court with a **good attitude**. Be positive, intense, determined, focused, and ready to go! Communicate with your coach should there be any personal matters which will negatively affect your performance that day.
11. Dress modestly. No short shorts and/or revealing shirts / jerseys. Coaches and the leadership team are responsible for enforcing this. The coach of each team reserves the right to enforce additional dress requirements as they see necessary (i.e. no headbands, armbands, etc.).

PARENT'S CODE

1. Be supportive and positive of your child, the team, the coach, other parents and officials. Many things may aggravate you that do not faze your player. Do not make something into an issue if it is not an issue.
2. Communicate with coaches in a positive and appropriate manner.
3. Set an example of team work your child can model.
4. Be prepared to accept the decisions of the coaches. They are not always easy decisions for the coaches to make or for the players to deal with. If you disagree with a decision or do not understand why a decision was made, talk to your player first. If you are still unsure of the reason for the decision, go with your player to the coach. ***Gossiping to other parents only causes disunity and hurts everyone involved.***
5. Never approach a coach with a complaint after a tough game. Wait and schedule a visit after everyone cools off.
6. Turn in **ALL** paperwork and money before the scheduled deadline. **NO** uniform will be issued unless fees have been paid.
7. Each parent needs to volunteer for the areas listed on the player registration. This helps us keep costs down and the program affordable.
8. Parents are responsible for their player's transportation to and from practice and games.

There are three essential groups which make up the Ohio HEAT basketball program. Parents, coaches, and athletes work together toward the common goal of building Christian character and maturity, and improving the athlete's skill, knowledge and enthusiasm for basketball. **If there are any problems that your coach cannot resolve, please contact the Program Director.**