

## Diocese of Metuchen Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry CYM Basketball League – 2019/2020

## Season Code of Conduct for Parents & Guests (Please sign and return to your coach)

For a successful season it is required that:

- 1. Players Play
- 2. Coaches Coach: Instruct, guide and encourage
- 3. Officials Officiate
- 4. Parents become Role Models: Support, encourage and love their child whether winning or losing.

24 hour RULE: HSA is enforcing a 24 hour rule – regardless of a win or a loss, sporting events may cause emotions to become out of control. Parents may not engage in discussions/arguments about a play, call, strategy, etc. with the coaches until 24 hours AFTER the game, because it undermines the entire purpose and mission of our athletic program. Any discussion is to take place away from the players. The 24 hour rule gives parents an opportunity to think more rationally and engage in a peaceful discussion rather than a heated argument.

## Acceptable Standards of Behavior

- These young players play for their own enjoyment and growth, are doing their best, need our help to gain confidence, and are not playing for us.
- Remain seated in the seats at all times during the games
- No derogatory remarks or gestures to players, coaches, officials, or attendees will be tolerated
- Respect others in the seats/stands; do not argue
- This is only a game, a Catholic Youth Ministry League game, not a street game
- Keep it wholesome and family oriented
- Applaud good plays by opposing players as well as your own
- Respect decisions made by the officials
- Be a positive role model. Encourage teams, do not coach, instructor criticize from the stands
- Be grateful your child is healthy enough to play and wants to have fun with others his/her age



- Applaud both teams as they come onto and leave the court throughout the game
- Join in prayer at the beginning and/or end of games

Remember making mistakes and losing are part of life. Be tolerant of mistakes by the players, the volunteer coaches, referees, and others. Mistakes are opportunities for learning. Encourage players! As parents and guests, we show mutual respect and support to others in a Catholic community environment & ensure healthy competition and fair play. We know sports should be fun. It helps our child's wholesome development. Sports also help character development and good sportsmanship. We recognize that we are role models of good, Catholic, encouraging behavior to all, and that our children learn best from us.

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to the standards of conduct and behavior described herein:

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature:\_\_\_\_\_