

Turnpike Basketball Club, Inc.

Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures

- 1) Turnpike Basketball Club, Inc. (hereinafter “Turnpike Basketball”) emphasizes good sportsmanship on the part of all players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators. By signing the registration form to participate in Turnpike Basketball, every individual is also agreeing to abide by the Turnpike Basketball Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures (hereinafter “Code of Conduct”) and to observe principles of good sportsmanship at all times.
- 2) Coaches and parents are expected to teach players the values of fair play and sportsmanship as part of learning the game of basketball. This includes showing respect for other players, for coaches, for referees and for league officials and cheering for one's own team without criticizing or booing one's opponent or the referees. It also includes respecting school property, obeying all Turnpike Basketball, Fairfax County and school rules, and abiding by requests and directives from referees, league officials, building directors, and school personnel.
- 3) Violators of this Code of Conduct may be asked by referees or officials to leave the facility where the violation has occurred and may be subject to further disciplinary action as the Turnpike Board of Directors and/or the Fairfax County Recreation Department (FCRD) shall determine. This additional disciplinary action may include suspension for a game or period of games or, ultimately, expulsion and exclusion from Turnpike Basketball membership.
- 4) Violations of this Code of Conduct that have led to previous disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to:
 - a. refusing to abide by an official's decision;
 - b. throwing equipment, articles of clothing, or other items to indicate one's displeasure;
 - c. heaping verbal abuse upon an official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment;
 - d. making an abusive verbal attack upon a player, an opposing coach, or spectator;
 - e. using obscene language or making an obscene gesture;
 - f. laying hands upon, pushing, shoving or striking an official; and
 - g. physically attacking, as an aggressor, any player, coach, official, spectator, Recreation Building Director or school official.
- 5) If a coach or player is ejected from a game by a referee or an official for a sportsmanship offense, the responsible referee or official must report the ejection to the Officials Coordinator within 24 hours of its occurrence. The Officials Coordinator will report the

incident to the appropriate League Commissioner, who will investigate the incident, obtaining written accounts from both coaches and the family of any player involved, as well as reports from witnesses, and will report on the incident to the President of Turnpike Basketball. The President shall then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action and, after obtaining the Board's agreement, shall inform the offending party of the Board's decision.

- 6) All ejections from games will be considered Code of Conduct violations, and the player or coach committing the offense will normally be suspended for at least ONE (1) game. In the case of an especially grievous offense, such as fighting, a player or coach may be suspended for more than one game as the Board of Directors may determine. In particular, any player, coach or team representative striking or shoving an official will be suspended for the remainder of the season. In exceptional circumstances, following the investigation of an incident, the Board may also decide that a suspension is not warranted.
- 7) Any time officials experience offensive actions from a spectator during a game, the officials can request the spectator to leave the gym. Coaches are obligated to assist the officials by persuading the offending spectator to leave the premises. In the event the spectator refuses to leave the gym, the officials will record the time and score and put 60 seconds on the clock. If the spectator continues to refuse to leave the gym within the 60 second time frame, the team supported by the spectator will forfeit the game. The officials will file a report on the incident within 24 hours to the Officials Coordinator who will inform the appropriate League Commissioner. The League Commissioner will investigate and report on the incident to the President of Turnpike Basketball Club. The President shall then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action and, after obtaining the Board's agreement, shall inform the offending party of the Board's decision.
- 8) Once informed of the Board's decision, any offender may file an appeal with the Board within 48 hours. The appeal must include all additional information the offender wishes to submit for the Board to review. Within 48 hours after receipt of an appeal, the Board will review the submission and rule on the appeal. Following a first appeal or after the deadline for an appeal has expired, no further appeal will be possible.