



Yardley Basketball Club Contract for Basketball Players and Parents

I want to play basketball for Yardley Basketball Club. In exchange for the privilege of being a member of the club, I promise to do the following:

EDUCATION WILL BE FIRST. My grades and classwork come before basketball. I will do homework when I should. Directly after school is best.

I WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL "THE DAY BEFORE" TO DO MY HOMEWORK OR STUDYING.

ATTENDANCE.

I WILL BE ON TIME FOR ALL PRACTICES.

I will be properly dressed with basketball shorts and shoes, no jewellery, mobile phones, hair clips etc.

We know that circumstances will arise when you must miss a practice (holiday, illness etc). When this occurs the player is to inform their coach in advance when possible.

Unexcused absences will result in the player losing playing time and/or being dismissed from the team.

ATTITUDE

Our goal is to build a team of players that consistently demand more of themselves than is demanded by the coaches.

WE WILL WORK HARDER THAN ANY OTHER TEAM IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

I will work hard to develop good habits by practising with good form and appropriate effort. The habits we develop in practice are the habits that will determine how we play in the games.

I will respect teammates, referees, opponents and coaches. I understand that behaviour that "puts other players and coaches down" results in profanity, or demonstrates lack of self-control will not be tolerated.

I will go to the coaches first if I have a problem related to the team.

I will not complain to others until I have given the person I have a problem with an opportunity to correct it.

ADJUSTMENTS AND SACRIFICES

These are necessary to achieve team and individual success. **EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT** on the part of the players, their families and the coaches are important. In return, we have an opportunity to create a positive experience that could affect our lives forever.

MY APPEARANCE, especially when attending team functions will be neat and well groomed and my kit and training boots will be clean.

I WILL APPLY GOOD HEALTH HABITS including getting plenty of sleep when possible. Eating breakfast, eating healthy foods, abstaining from alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco and drinking at least 8 glasses of water per day.

As a parent of the above named player, I promise to do the following:

1. Influence my child to abide by the contract they have signed.
2. If your child is having problems, such as poor school grades or bad attitude etc, please contact the coaches as soon as possible. Hopefully we can assist you. If, in preseason, you foresee these problems as possible reasons to pull them off the team as the season goes, you may consider not allowing them to play on the team at all. Mid-season removal is detrimental to our team concept.
3. Be an example of good sportsmanship at games by making only positive comments about the players, keeping criticism of the officiating to a minimum of volume and frequency and treating fans of our opponents with respect.
4. Transportation of my child to and from games and practices will be my responsibility, not the coaches or other parents. Take turns car pooling. Make sure all players wear seat belts.
5. Co-operate in helping with the fund raising, attending games, events etc.
6. Be patient with coaches who are not giving your child the playing time you feel they deserve.
7. Leave coaching to the coaches.
8. Do not allow siblings to run wild in gyms or lobbies.
9. Inform other family members of these rules (auntie, uncles etc)

We the coaches, promise to do the following:

1. Treat each player as we would want our child to be treated.
2. Give each player approximately equal practice time in scrimmages and drills.
3. Attempt to play each player in every game. In close games, the time may be less (even no playing time) and in blowouts, the starters will probably play less than the substitutes.
4. Be examples of good sportsmanship and character.
5. Teach your child the skills to become the best player they can be.
6. Discuss anything with parents or players, except your child's playing time.

I agree to abide by the expectations described on this sheet and in the club's policies and procedures.

I will always uphold the code of ethics and principles of this club and be respectful to the coaches and my team mates at all times.

I understand that breaking any of the above conditions may lead to internal club disciplinary action that could result in me not playing or training for the club.