



Yardley Defenders Adult Player Code of Conduct

On and off the court of play, I will:

- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Avoid criticising match officials and accept that they make honest decisions and confronting them will not change it.
- Never verbally abuse a match official, coach, player or spectator based on their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the court, suspension and possible police action.
- Never physically assault a match official, coach, player or spectator. Doing so could lead to dismissal from the court, suspension and possible police action.
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands at the end of every game with match officials, opposition players and teach coaches.

If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I have upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be disciplined by the competition organiser, YBL or Basketball England, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be asked to leave the club and/or issued a fine.

I should:

- Consider my own and fellow participants health and safety prior to attending and during activity
- Project a positive and professional image
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being in disrepute
- Refrain from posting negative or derogatory comments on social media about other participants
- Read and implement good practice as laid out in the Yardley Basketball Club safeguarding policies
- **Report any concerns to the Club Safeguarding Officer or the YBL Designated Safeguarding Officer.**

- NOT engage in behaviour that constitutes any form of abuse or harassment (physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, bullying etc).
- NEVER intentionally deceive BE / YBL / Yardley Basketball Club.

Examples include falsifying personal data, deliberately using a photograph of another person, deliberately using another name other than that which is listed on official documentation such as a passport or birth certificate

I should abide by BE / YBL Policies, Procedures, Guidance and Competition Rules (see 2022/23 sanctions below)

Sanctions - discipline

When a coach, team follower, spectators, official or player comes to a game, they come with the intent of watching or playing the game in good spirit.

A system of points will apply for all participants within the YBL (similar to Basketball England's point system).

Participants will receive an automatic suspension when their points reach (or exceeds) the following thresholds, **20, 30, 40 & 45**. The suspension will be for the next scheduled game for that individual.

Points will be reset for each season unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with Basketball England's Disciplinary Code or Rules and Regulations for the current season.

Basketball England's Disciplinary Panel/Safeguarding Panel will be informed of all incidents that meet the threshold for referral.

Individual points will be awarded for

		Points
P1	Technical Foul and Unsportsmanlike (combination) Fouls issued in-game	1 game ban
P2	Technical Foul in-game	5
P3	Unsportsmanlike Foul in-game	2-4
P4	Coach Technical Foul in-game	5
P5	Fighting/violent conduct	5-20
P6	Racist/sexist/homophobic/religious abuse	5-20

Sanctions

Points		Financial sanction
NA	One game ban (P1)	£30.00
20	One game ban	£30.00
30	Two game ban	£50.00
40	Two game ban and appearance in front of the Board of Directors	£70.00
45	Suspension from all activities in the YBL and appearance in front of the Board of Directors	Maximum up to £300.00