**Thunderbolts Youth Basketball, Inc.**

**Player and Parent Code of Conduct**

Thunderbolts Youth Basketball, Inc. has implemented the following Player and Parent Code of Conduct that are considered binding regarding player, and more importantly, parent/family member behavior.

All Players and Parents (or legal guardians) must read, understand and sign this form prior to the player’s full

participation on a Thunderbolts Youth Basketball team.

**By signing this form, the player and parent both have read and understand the 15 rules in the *Thunderbolts youth Basketball Teams Rules & Expectations For Players and Parents* document (page 2). Both provide their consent that a player who violates the Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by their**

**team’s head coach and/or League Coordinator/Director. This disciplinary action may include a loss of playing time in games or the forfeiture of the privilege to participate in the program for the season.**

**Parent’s Code of Conduct (or Legal Guardian):**

• I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and

courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game,

practice or other sporting event.

• I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent

such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language, disparaging remarks or gestures.

• I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes.

• I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect at all times regardless

of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

• I will never ridicule or yell at players or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

• I will respect the officials and coaches for their authority during games and practices; I will never question, discuss,

or confront coaches at games or practice, but will take time to speak with directors and coaches at an agreed-upon time and place.

• I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the registered

coaches for the team or are asked to be a parent volunteer. ( parent volunteers are required to have clearances)

• I have read and will also abide by the 5 rules for parents in the Expectations document (attached).

**Player’s Code of Conduct:**

• I will show respect to all coaches, game officials, parents, teammates and opposing players at all times, and will

never act in a manner that is disrespectful to them or my team.

• I will demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score or situation by acting in a positive manner towards

coaches, officials and other players.

• I will help to clean the gymnasium/bench area at both home and away games.

• I will display good sportsmanship and a commitment to my team at all times.

• I will shake hands with the other team and officials after games.

• I have read and will also abide by the 10 rules for players in the Expectations document (attached).

**Parents’ Signatures (or Legal Guardian(s)): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name printed and full signature**

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**Name printed and full signature**

**Players’ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Thunderbolt Youth Basketball’s MISSION STATEMENT: “Provide opportunities for young athletes to play basketball at a highly competitive level and assist each athlete in their growth and development on the court and with their educational and social skills.”**

**THUNDERBOLTS YOUTH BASKETBALL**

**RULES & EXPECTATIONS**

**FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS**

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**1. ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES AND GAMES IS VERY IMPORTANT! Teams practice 3 to 4**

**times more than the playing time that occurs during competitions.**

**2. Arrive at practice on time/early, and be ready to start at the designated time.**

**3. No talking when: any coach is talking, or any teammate is talking to the team or asking a**

**question.**

**4. When a coach blows the whistle, stop what you are doing and listen.**

**5. Goofing off during practice is disruptive and unfair to your teammates and coaches - if you**

**persist, be prepared for an appropriate penalty to be decided by your coach (ex., pushups,**

**running, being asked to sit out, etc).**

**6. MISSED PRACTICES/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: If missing practices becomes an issue, playing**

**time will be impacted per the decision of the coach.**

**7. EXCUSED ABSENCES: Illness, a family emergency, or a school function will be considered an**

**excused absence, if communicated a reasonable time (at least 2 or 3 hours) prior to the**

**practice, scrimmage, or game, to the coach or team manager.**

**8. GAMES: Arrive at games and be ready (shoes and uniform on) at least 30 minutes prior to the**

**scheduled game time. Always bring complete uniforms to each game.**

**9. EQUIPMENT FOR GAMES AND PRACTICES: Water bottles with a pop top (at**

**least 1 liter), mouth guards and knee pads are optional. Please do not bring your own basketball to games .**

**10. The THUNDERBOLTS YOUTH BASKETBALL philosophy is that we will grow together and be competitive as a team, if we practice and play the game as a team. The commitment level required for a successful basketball program, mandates that your basketball team be your highest priority for the season in which it’s played, and no other sports should be given a higher priority.**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FAMILY MEMBERS**

**1. The basketball court during practices is for the team ONLY – no siblings or friends are**

**allowed on the court or hallways unless with an adult. Permits and the liability insurance TYB**

**holds for our program is only for registered members and not their siblings or friends.**

**2. Parents will be allowed to watch practices, but please no communication with your child while**

**practice is on – let the coaches coach. If this becomes a concern to the coach(es), e.g, parents**

**yelling from the side of the gym and distracting players, parents will be asked to leave the gym**

**during practices or games. Coaches will always make sure that there are at least three adults (among the coaches and team manager) in the gym to deal with any player injuries or issues.**

**3. If you have a concern about your child’s development, playing time, health issues, etc., please**

**NEVER come up to a coach during, before or right after a game or a practice and demand to talk**

**to them right then. Please call or email a Director or Coach later to make an appointment to talk outside of the gym and away from other team members.**

**4. Parents please Cheer for all THUNDERBOLTS players because it makes for a pleasant experience all around. Please do not coach your son/daughter or the team from the sideline. Refrain from using improper language towards refs and opposing fans/players. Let the referees ref the game because you are not making the situation better by yelling or arguing from the stands.**

**5. Through experience allow your child to relax after the game and if they want to talk to you about the game then they will. If there is a concern about another team member, Coaching staff or the opposing team or fans, please contact our Director and/or Coach to take appropriate action. This just makes for a better car ride home for all involved.**