

T.A.P. Youth Basketball League

Travel Team Coaches Rules and Guidelines

T.A.P. Youth Basketball Travel Team Goals:

The purpose of the T.A.P. Youth Basketball League Travel Team Program is to provide an opportunity for a select group of T.A.P. Youth Basketball recreational league members to also participate in a regional youth basketball league that affords them a higher level of competition and game expertise. The travel team coaches are expected to manage their teams in this program consistent with the philosophy of the T.A.P Youth Basketball League recreational program. The goals of the travel team program is to provide a higher level of training in the sport of basketball in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play with an equal opportunity for growth of individual skills, team play and the true enjoyment of playing basketball. The following rules should be interpreted consistent with this philosophy and are required to be adhered to by all travel team coaches:

T.A.P. Travel Team Coach Rules and Guidelines

1. All travel team roster players must play in each half of every travel team league and tournament games. No exceptions to this rule other than player sickness or injury. It is expected that each player such get a minimum of two full minutes per half. This rule is a key responsibility of the travel team coaches and no coach will try and manipulate this rule on a technicality.
2. At all times coaches and assistant coaches are to address their travel team players in a positive, enthusiastic fashion; remember you are a teacher and a mentor to your team.
3. There is to be no e-mail communication other than game schedule changes to team players by the coaches. Editorials on game summaries, player performance or statistics are not allowed to be compiled and communicated to team players.
4. Only two coaches on the sidelines during team games.
5. Know the rules of the game and abide by them.
6. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner. It is expected the players will play and the coaches will coach, not officiate the game.
7. Always remember you are a representative of the T.A.P. Youth Basketball League and community, you are expected to act responsibly. Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
8. It is expected the coaches will support and encourage player participation in other extracurricular activities outside of basketball even if it means missing an occasional practice and or game. It is the player's responsibility to ensure the coach is informed of the conflict.
9. Coaches are to limit their instruction, discussion, and/or lectures to the players strictly to the subject of basketball. Do not abuse your position as coach by offering your views/opinions of any subject other than basketball to your team. This is also a waste of valuable practice time.
10. It expected that all travel team coaches will work to develop well rounded basketball players at this level. Coaches are not to categorize players and instruct them according to perceived strengths and weaknesses; ie. 'you not a shooter, so just pass the ball and play defense'.
11. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
12. It is expected that the coaches will control their teams and the parents on their teams at all times. Ensure that the parents/fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at the game sites and assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.

13. Technical fouls assessed on coaches are to be reported by the coach to the T.A.P. League president. Technical fouls assessed to a coach are cumulative during the season. A third technical foul assessed to travel team coach or assistant coach will result in loss of coaching privileges for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.