



**REISTERSTOWN RECREATION BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**for Participants, Parents and Spectators**

**I agree to abide by the following guidelines. In addition, I agree that any of my family members or guests who attend games or practices will be bound by the same guidelines:**

- 1) I will make it clear, both in my words and my actions, that doing one's best and having fun are more important than winning.
- 2) I will not ridicule or chastise any participant or coach for losing a competition, making a mistake, or failing to perform up to my standards.
- 3) I will follow the league's policies regarding the appropriate use of facilities, including the following:
  - I will not bring food or drink, other than water, into a gymnasium.
  - I will be sure not to leave behind any trash items in the gym or the school, or to deface or damage school property.
  - When the bleachers are closed at Franklin High School, I will not sit on them. I understand that I may bring a folding chair into this facility, provided it does not scratch the gym floor.
- 4) I will show respect, courtesy, and support for players, coaches, officials, spectators, and Recreation Staff.
- 5) I will not engage in unsportsmanlike behavior such as booing, taunting, using profanity, or openly celebrating the losses or struggles of opposing players. I also understand that while it is appropriate and desirable to enjoy one's successes, it is not acceptable to engage in excessive public celebration of those successes at the expense of others' feelings.
- 6) I will not engage in any behaviors that would endanger the health and well-being of anyone who is participating in this activity in any form.
- 7) I will contribute to a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 8) I will encourage all persons involved in this activity to adhere to the rules of the game, these standards of behavior and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 9) I will treat other players, coaches, officials, spectators, and Recreation Staff with respect and care regardless of race, ethnic background, sex, or ability.
- 10) I will never openly question or confront officials or coaches during a game or practice. Instead, I will take time to speak with coaches about my concerns at an agreed upon time and place.

***Parents/guardians and family only:***

- 11) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- 12) I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

**I agree that if I, or any of my family members or guests, fail to abide by the aforementioned guidelines, I/they will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by an official, head coach, league commissioner, or recreation staff person.
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Reisterstown Boys Basketball.
- Game forfeit initiated by the official, coach, or league commissioner.
- Season suspension.