



## JERSEY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### JBL Spectator Code of Conduct

The Jersey Basketball League (JBL) is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for athletic competitions. Accordingly, spectators must behave in a respectful, courteous, and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Any spectator who is flagrantly rude, attempts to intimidate, verbally abuses, heckles, taunts, ridicules, boos, throws objects, and/or uses vulgarity or profane language or gestures toward any official, coach, participant, or other attendee at a JBL game shall be removed at the request of the officials, site manager, or coach of respective team.

Spectators should have no cause to address players, coaches, or officials during a game. This includes criticism of participants, coaches, or officials on any judgments that they make.

We are all for positive cheering and we love a passionate crowd, but there is no reason to try and intimidate the opponent or shout inappropriate remarks.

No spectator should be yelling and screaming at youth basketball teams shooting foul shots. This is not HS, College, or the pros. We should applaud these young players for making these shots.

- Any Coach, Player, or Spectator who engages in a negative manner after the game to their opponents, spectators, or officials will result in a 2-game suspension + 2 COC points against their team
- Any conduct detrimental to the league will result in a 2-game suspension + 2 COC points against their team

**Parents & Coaches are not to communicate directly with the league unless it is an urgent issue. If they feel the need for such communication, it must go through the town directors or recreation department.**

**Student sections** - If there is a student section at a game, a site supervisor needs to sit with them and make sure they act appropriately. Unfortunately, this never happens.

Any offensive remarks/Negative Cheering will result in a technical foul. A repeat offence will result in the game ending and a forfeit to the offending team. **There will be no warnings, as this is the warning!**

**Any Coach/Player/Spectator Ejections will result in the following penalties\*:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – If any individual player, coach, timekeeper, scorer, or spectator is ejected from a game, that person will not be allowed to attend or participate in the next 2 games.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – That person(s) will be suspended for the next **5 games**.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** – Results in that person(s) suspension from the League indefinitely.

**\*Ejections do not reset the following year, they are cumulative**

Each Spectator Code of Conduct Violation will count 2 pts to the Team total.

Any spectator who physically or verbally assaults, intimidates, or threatens bodily harm to an official, coach, or spectator may be banned from any and all future JBL events. If this person is a parent of a player in the JBL, that individual's children may also be removed from participation in the JBL during the period in which the parent is banned.

The JBL Director will receive reports regarding an incident, review them with the league's Discipline Committee, & then issue suspensions as outlined in the Code of Conduct. The Town Director is responsible for notifying the individual about their suspension. The JBL reserves the right to suspend any individuals from the program or its events in order to ensure the safety of its members and uphold its mission.

**Appeals will only be considered when there is sufficient & compelling evidence that the suspension is unwarranted. Appeals related to an in-game judgment call by a referee will not be considered.**

**ANY TEAM WHO HAS ACCRUED A TOTAL OF 5 CODE OF CONDUCT POINTS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR THE PLAYOFFS. IF THEY ACCRUE 10 POINTS, THE TEAM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE**

**By participating in or attending any JBL league game, each individual player, coach, timekeeper, scorer, or spectator agrees to follow the Code of Conduct. Town Directors and coaches are encouraged to share the Code of Conduct with all members of their program to ensure awareness and compliance, however being unaware of the Code of Conduct is not an excuse to not follow it.**