

TeamDC Basketball Code of Conduct

I. At Open Gym

1. **Understand the purpose.** Open gym sessions sponsored by TeamDC Basketball are for players of all skill levels, and are organized first and foremost as a means of bringing the community together for fun and recreation. The games played at a single-court open gym are meant to be played to the best of everyone's ability, but they are **not** primarily about winning and holding the court. Accordingly,
 - a. Play a team game and involve **each one** of your running mates, regardless of his or her skill level.
 - b. Support and encourage all players on the court to play their best. Do not express any harsh condemnation or negative criticism to or about any other player.
2. **Come prepared to pay and play.**
 - a. We must pay to rent courts for indoor open gym sessions, which is why we charge players an "open gym fee" for each session. **Do not come to open gym without your money.**
 - b. Be ready to play your best. Don't show up under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
3. **Display good sportsmanship at all times.**
 - a. No fighting. No flagrant fouls. No taunting.
 - b. Respect all calls made by the other team, even if you think the call is not legitimate. Do not delay play by arguing calls. At the same time, no one should be calling minor or questionable fouls or violations.
 - c. Maintain a positive attitude. Have a sense of humor. Make it fun for everyone.
 - d. No sulking or quitting during a game if things aren't going your way.

II. At League or Tournament Games

1. **Understand the purpose.** Unlike open gym sessions, league and "A"-level tournament games in which TeamDC Basketball teams are entered are competitive in nature, and the purpose is to win every game. "B"-level tournament games may be competitive as well. Roster spots on league and tournament teams may be selective, according to skill level or other factors.
2. **Come to play every time.** For each practice and game, condition and prepare yourself to play your best. No player or coach may be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs during any practice or game.
3. **Respect for the coach.** Teams may have a coach, whose authority over all matters affecting the games must be respected.
 - a. To the extent possible, attend all practices organized by the coach.
 - b. Comply with all coaching instructions at practice and during games.
 - c. Respect all coaching decisions, including those regarding your playing time in games.
4. **Sportsmanship.** Coaches and players must abide by all rules set by the league or tournament in which they are participating. In the absence of or in addition to such

rules, players must display the sportsmanship required of them at TeamDC Basketball open gym sessions, in accordance with the rules set forth above in this code of conduct, as applicable.

5. **Respect the referees.** Don't berate them—befriend them. They're not out there trying to make bad calls. Play through.

III. When representing TeamDC Basketball in an Official Capacity

Members of the executive board, the coach of any league or tournament team, and any other person representing TeamDC Basketball in an official capacity must conduct themselves responsibly and professionally, and must not do anything that would harm the reputation of TeamDC Basketball or impair its function and mission.

IV. Enforcement

The executive board of TeamDC Basketball may enforce the provisions of this code of conduct. Violation of this code may result in a suspension from all TeamDC Basketball activities and events until such time as the Board determines the person can conform his or her conduct to this code.