



**CITY OF SEDONA  
GRASSHOPPER BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The goal of Sedona Parks and Recreation is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for team mates and authority figures (coaches and officials).

Sedona Parks and Recreation will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, officials or players from any parent, player or spectator. Spectators, as well as the players and coaches, are expected to abide by this code of conduct at all Grasshopper events.

All rules will be strictly enforced. The term "individual" includes the following: coach, manager, player or spectator.

A team is responsible for the conduct of its individual players and spectators. Misconduct may result in penalizing an individual and/or team from all department leagues and tournaments. The term "official" includes the following: officials, referees, scorekeepers, league coordinator and/or City Staff.

**Coach Code of Conduct**

1. As a Team Coach, you (through your actions and words) set the example for your players, parents/guardians, and spectators. You set the tone and lead by example.
2. Review the Players and Parents/Spectators Codes. Understand what is being asked of all participants. Actively promote these codes.
3. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
4. Never physically or mentally push children beyond their abilities. The game is of minor consideration when compared to the child's future health and well-being.
5. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance. Never condone unacceptable behavior.
6. Accept the decisions of the game officials on the court as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials oversee all games; their decisions are final.
7. Always be prompt, courteous, and direct when dealing with the league officials and opposition coaches.
8. Review and follow the Grasshopper Basketball League Coaches Guide.
9. Review the Grasshopper Basketball League Rules and assist your players and parents in understanding them.

## **Player Code of Conduct**

### **I will:**

1. Have fun!
2. Be a good sport (win or lose), be honest and fair.
3. Be a positive member of my team and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
4. Learn the value of commitment to the team; sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
5. Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.
6. Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and league officials.
7. Actively participate in every practice and game scheduled.
8. Practice and play to the best of my ability.
9. Conduct myself in a respectable manner during practices and games.
10. I understand that if I fail to follow the code of conduct it can result in loss of game time or suspension from participation.

### **I will not:**

1. Use profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during, or after any game.
2. Display any unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. Criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach's decision, an official's call or a player from another team.
4. Act in any way that may incite spectators.

## **Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct**

### **As a parent or spectator, I will:**

1. Provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child's participation in the league by following this code of conduct.
2. Support the coaches, players, and/or officials and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
3. Support my child's team and help my child and Sedona Parks and Recreation make athletic contests a positive experience.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the court as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials oversee all games; their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on the court of play at any time.
7. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, spectators, and officials with respect.
8. I will refrain from negative comments about my child's coach, other players, and officials in my child's presence so that I do not negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience.
9. I will be as prompt as possible dropping my child off and picking my child up from practices and games.
10. I will make every effort for my child to attend all practices and games and I will give proper notification to the coach if they are unable to attend.

### **As a parent or spectator, I will not:**

1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or Sedona Parks and Recreation staff.

### **Consequences of Behavior**

No individual shall be guilty of a physical assault as an aggressor upon any individual. Referees/Officials are required to immediately eject aggressor and report the incident to the league coordinator. Players/coaches will be suspended from further play and will remain suspended until City staff has reviewed the incident.

The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

The severity of the infraction will determine the penalty. Penalties can fall between the minimum (probation) and the maximum (banned from all City of Sedona sports programs). City staff will determine the penalty within a reasonable time limit.

### **Coaches/Parents/Spectators:**

- The first offense by a coach, parent or spectator will result in a verbal warning from the referee or official. For offenses that are serious enough, no verbal warning is required.
- A second offense will result in their ejection from the gymnasium/event. Once ejected, that individual will also be suspended from their team's next game. For offenses that are serious enough, no verbal warning is required.
- Any coach/parent/spectator who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or city staff member, will be ejected from the gymnasium/event and suspended a minimum of one (1) game. If the coach/parent/spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the coach/parent/spectator.

### **Players:**

- The first offense will result in a verbal warning. For offenses that are serious enough, no verbal warning is required, and technical foul/ejection is possible.
- A second offense will result in a technical foul.
- A third offense will result in a second technical foul and ejection from the game. Player will also be suspended from their team's next game.