



## CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

The Sherwood Basketball Organization (SBO) exists to provide a positive and constructive basketball experience for all participants. Its goals include providing an enjoyable experience for coaches, players, and parents; developing positive traits of sportsmanship; and promoting goodwill between and among players and teams that compete in SBO basketball programs. To promote these objectives and provide a positive example for children, SBO has created this Code of Conduct Policy. The policy is mandatory for all participants in any SBO program and must be followed at all times.

SBO will not tolerate behaviors by players, coaches, or parents that run counter to its goals. Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times. The following roles and rules apply at all events and to all SBO participants.

### Roles in a Gym:

1. **Basketball Referees** – Referees are the sole persons on the basketball floor empowered to make calls and interpret basketball rules. No person may, at any time, argue with referees, either during the game, or after it concludes.
2. **Players and Coaches** – Good sportsmanship must be displayed at all times. Disrespectful behavior towards fellow players, coaches, referees, or spectators is strictly prohibited. No use of inappropriate language of any sort is permitted. Players and coaches are expected to line up and shake hands with opponents after every game.
3. **Spectators** – Spectators should be in the gym to cheer and support the team(s) involved in the game. Yelling at/to players, coaches, and referees from the stands is strictly prohibited. Spectators may not approach coaches or instruct players during the game or coach from the stands.

## Rules:

Coaches and referees are the primary monitors of these rules and are empowered to enforce them. Coaches are expected to maintain high behavioral standards and to regulate the behaviors of players and spectators consistent with this policy. Any violation of these rules will be referred to the SBO Board of Directors for review and corrective action that will include the following.

1. **Players and Coaches** – Any coach who receives one or more technical fouls during the basketball season will be suspended from play for anywhere from one game to the remainder of the season. SBO reserves the right to suspend or take other action against players or coaches based on the circumstances around receiving a technical foul. Suspended players and coaches may not participate or be present at practices or games during any suspension.
2. **Spectators** – First violations will be met with a warning that the behavior must stop and cannot be repeated. A second offense may result in immediate removal from the gymnasium and review by SBO for further disciplinary action. In cases where removal becomes necessary, play on the floor will be stopped until the spectator involved leaves the gym.
3. **Bullying** - Any bullying or cyber bullying will not be tolerated by SBO. SBO may monitor games and practices for misconduct and will monitor social media sites for any violation of this section, to ensure a positive and safe playing environment. All parents/guardians, spectators, coaches, and participants are expected to use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, or any other) in a respectful manner. Inappropriate use of social media will result in sanctions imposed upon player(s) and team(s). Please do not post pictures of children unless you have the permission of their parent or guardian.
4. **Gym Rules** – All rules of gymnasiums must be followed at all times. Players, coaches and spectators must familiarize themselves with the rules, which may vary from gym to gym. Any damage to school equipment during games or practices will be subject to restitution and/or suspension of the team(s) involved in the incident.

Coaches, parents, and others are encouraged to report any violations of these rules to SBO's President or other member of the Board of Directors. The identity of persons making reports will be protected to the greatest extent possible. Anonymous reports or complaints will not, however, be recognized by SBO. All reports, questions or comments should be directed to SBO's President, Brandon Maskew via email at [president@sherwoodbasketball.com](mailto:president@sherwoodbasketball.com).

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