

**Southtowns Family YMCA  
Youth Basketball League  
Code of Conduct**

**Officials**

1. All games will be officiated by YMCA staff.
2. The official has the final say on all calls.
3. At no time will coaches, players or spectators challenge a ruling by the official.

**Game Play**

1. Each player will receive an equal amount of playing time.
2. Coaches will use the provided rotation schedule to ensure equal playing time.
3. Before the beginning of the game coaches will provide a copy of their rotation schedule to the score keeper.
4. After the game has begun changes to the rotation schedule will not be permitted unless an injury occurs.
5. In the event of an injury, changes will be permitted upon the approval of the official and the score keeper.

**Game Conduct**

1. The Southtowns YMCA encourages all youth participants to invite their family and friends to cheer for their teams in a positive manner. All parents/guardians are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests.
2. Coaches and spectators will serve as the example to our players and will keep all comments positive.
3. Negative comments made during the Youth Basketball League will not be tolerated. A first offense to this rule will result in a warning by a YMCA Staff Member.
4. Continued negative behavior will result in being removed from the gymnasium.
5. Any individual removed from the gymnasium more than 1 time will be banned from the remaining Youth Basketball League games and practices.

**Expectations of Coaches**

1. Coaches are asked to encourage only positive comments from their parents and players.
2. Coaches are responsible for teaching their players the basics of the game of basketball.
3. Coaches will give each player the same opportunities during games and practices.
4. Coaches will teach their team fair play.
5. If any volunteer is asked to leave the gymnasium due to their actions, they will no longer be permitted to serve as their teams coach.
6. Coaches are asked to stress that this is a game, and that we are all here to have fun.

7. Only two coaches will be permitted on the bench during game play.
8. The YMCA invites and encourages parents to participate with their child's team as a volunteer.
9. Anyone wishing to participate as a coach for their child's team must be registered as an official Southtowns Family YMCA Volunteer.
10. All Volunteers must complete the required paperwork and attend the appropriate trainings.
11. A mandatory coaches meeting will take place November 12, 2008 at 6:00pm.
12. All staff and volunteers involved will also meet on December 17, 2008; January 7, 2009 and February 4, 2009.
13. For the safety of the children in our programs any person not registered as a Southtowns Family YMCA Volunteer will not be permitted to assist in the coaching of any youth sports team.
14. Any person wishing to sever as a Volunteer during our Youth Basketball League should contact the Youth Sports Director at 674-9622.

**Rules:**

1. Teams must have at least 5 players to begin a game.
2. If a team does not have five players 5 minutes after their scheduled start time, that game will be forfeited. A scrimmage game will take place with the players available.
3. Games will consist of four 8 minute quarters.
4. After the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter there will be a 1 minute break.
5. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter there will be a 2 minute half time.
6. The clock will run nonstop until the last 2 minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
7. Foul shots will take place for shooting fouls during the last 2 minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
8. The last 2 minutes of an overtime period will run the same the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
9. Each team will get one, 1 minute timeout per half.
10. Games will end in a tie during the regular season; there will be no overtime periods.
11. During the playoffs in the case of a tie score there will be 5 minute overtime periods played until the tie is broken.
12. Each team will be given one 30 second timeout for all overtime periods.
13. Extra timeouts **will not** be given if there is more than 1 overtime period.
14. Each player is required to wear the provided uniform.
15. Half court defense will be played at all times.
16. Players have six seconds to advance the ball past half court. Failure to do so will result in loss of possession.

17. Man to man defense will be played at all times.
18. After each substitution the HEAD COACH from each team will help match their players with players from the opposing team with equal skill level.
19. If coaches do not agree on a man to man match up, the officials will step in and match each of the players.

**Fouls:**

Being that this league is intended to teach children the fundamentals of basketball, educating the players on the rules of the game will be placed as a high priority.

1. For the first 2 games of the season possession will not be taken away for traveling, double dribbling or any foul related to fundamentals.
2. The officials will stop game play as if a foul occurred to explain the rules of the game.
3. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> games officials will give warnings during the first quarter for fouls related to fundamental. After the first quarter possession will be awarded to the other team.
4. For all remaining games possession will be taken away for traveling and double dribbling fouls.
5. Officials will use their discretion while making all calls.
6. Our officials will factor in a child's skill level while making such calls.

Players Name

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# Southtowns YMCA Co-Ed Youth Basketball League Code of Conduct & Photo Release Sign Off

I have read, understand and will follow the policies stated in the Southtowns YMCA Youth Basketball League code of conduct.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photos or video footage taken of (print child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ for YMCA Buffalo Niagara and/or YMCA of the USA purposes. I understand that I receive no reimbursement for allowing use of the photo or video.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_