



The GBA Code of Conduct Pledge

The primary goal of Gainesville Basketball Association (GBA) is to promote good citizenship through athletics. To further this goal, GBA has developed a Code of Conduct Pledge. It applies to all players, parents/guardians, and coaches.

PLAYERS

- 1. I will learn and understand the rules of the game and I will not deliberately break the rules (or help another player break the rules).**
- 2. I will respect the referees, and refrain from addressing them during the game unless I am the coach or team captain on the floor, and then I will address the referees courteously, and only as provided by the rules. I understand that referees can make mistakes, but I will refrain from criticizing them or blaming them if we lose the game.**
- 3. I will maintain control of my emotions, avoid the use of abusive/profane language, humiliating remarks/gestures, and threats or use of physical violence. I fully understand that such behavior will not be tolerated and can result in permanent loss of participation privileges with GBA basketball.**
- 4. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate gestures of good sportsmanship at the end of the game by being humble in victory and gracious in defeat.**
- 5. I will respect the property of others, including the gymnasium in which I am a guest.**
- 6. I will not bring food or sports drinks/colored liquids of any kind into the gym at any time.**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- 1. I realize that children are very aware of, and often imitate, the type of behavior I exhibit. As the parent/guardian of a GBA basketball player, I will set a positive example for my child while at games and practices.**
- 2. I will try to learn the rules of the game, and I will trust that the coaches and referees know the rules and not question their judgment. I will respect the referees, and refrain from addressing them during the game. I fully understand that abuse of referees at any time can result in loss of my participation privileges with GBA.**
- 3. I will cheer for my team and offer only positive encouragement. I will never criticize the opposing team or its coaches.**
- 4. I will maintain control of my emotions, avoid the use of abusive/profane language, humiliating remarks/gestures, and threats or use of physical violence. I fully understand that such behavior will not be tolerated and can result in permanent loss or participation privileges with GBA basketball.**
- 5. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate gestures of good sportsmanship at the end of the game by being humble in victory and gracious in defeat.**
- 6. I will respect the property of others, including the gymnasium in which I am a guest.**
- 7. I will not bring food or sports drinks/colored liquids of any kind into the gym at any time.**
- 8. I will not consume (or allow the consumption of) alcoholic beverages at GBA activities, or be in an inebriated state during practices, games, or other GBA events.**
- 9. I will maintain control of children I bring with me to the gym, and not allow them to be beyond my direct supervision.**
- 10. I will be responsible for other guests I bring with me and be sure that they understand and abide by this Code of Conduct.**

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Code of Conduct Pledge with the participant, and we agree to all of its provisions. I also acknowledge that my electronic signature on this agreement is the equivalent of my manual signature.