

NEW LONDON GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

All those associated with and involved in the NLGYBA represent a cross section of the New London community. All persons associated, in any way, with the NLGYBA must act in a manner that falls within the guidelines of the NLGYBA. It is important for all players, parents, coaches, referees, and fans to act according to the Code of Conduct set forth by the NLGYBA, thus becoming ambassadors for this organization.

Abusive behavior by players, parents, coaches, umpires, and fans will not be tolerated. NLGYBA officers, board members, and referees have been directed to confront and warn any person who engages in any abusive behavior. If such behavior continues, the offending person will be removed with a review by the NLGYBA Board. A review of this type could result in a warning or suspension for the offending person.

Players

- Will abide by the NLGYBA Handbook.
- Will respect and not criticize coaches, all players, referees, and/or fans.
- Will cheer and encourage their teammates while refraining from badgering the opposition.
- Will make an honest effort to listen, learn, and participate.
- Will accept all coaches and referees decisions without argument.
- Will be good winners and losers.
- Will participate in the end of game activities. (Handshake, award ceremonies, etc.)
- Will not use any inappropriate or abusive language.
- Will not abuse equipment.
- Will be positive role models for the NLGYBA organization.
- Will follow NLGYBA guidelines for handling a concern if needed.**
- Will complete, sign, and turn in NLGYBA Code of Conduct Agreement prior to participating.

Parents/Fans

- Will abide by the NLGYBA Handbook.
- Will respect all players, coaches, officials, and fans.
- Will not interfere with a coach or official performing their duties.
- Will support all members of the team while refraining from badgering the opposition.
- Will be expected to have their player on time for practices and games and to see that their player attends these activities on a regular basis.
- Will accept all coaches and officials decisions without argument.
- Will follow NLGYBA guidelines for handling a concern if needed.**
- Will be positive role models for the NLGYBA organization.
- Will not use any abusive or inappropriate language.
- Will not criticize or openly display unreasonable acts of anger or disgust directed at players, coaches, officials, or fans.
- Will complete, sign, and turn in NLGYBA's Liability Waiver, Code of Conduct Agreement, and Concussion Waiver prior to the player participating.

Coaches

- Will abide by the NLGYBA Handbook.
- Will be fair and impartial in their treatment of players.
- Will use structured discipline to maintain a respectful environment on and off the court.
- Will demonstrate positive leadership qualities to all players, parents, fans, and officials.
- Will follow NLGYBA guidelines for handling a concern if needed.**
- Will abide by NLGYBA's policies in regards to practices and tournament entries.

****Handling a Concern**

Addressing, concluding, and moving past unforeseeable concerns is key to the success of developing young teams. Below are the guidelines to assist all stakeholders (players, parents, and coaches) in handling concerns successfully:

Phase 1

24 Hour Rule

- Wait at least 24 hours following a game or incident prior to calmly and respectfully addressing a concern with a coach or parent.
- Do not address a concern in front of other players, parents, or coaches.
- Please call or email to set up a time to meet or talk regarding the concern.
- If approached prior to 24 hours following the game or incident, the approached individual has the discretion to request the full 24 hours to pass prior to discussion.

If a conclusion has not been resolved to satisfaction following discussion after 24 hours, either party is encouraged to complete the NLGYBA Concern Form:

Phase 2

Complete NLGYBA Concern Form

- Fill out the form to the best of your ability including detailed events and conversations.
- Mail to NLGYBA (P.O. Box 145, New London, WI 54961) or give to an Executive Officer at your earliest opportunity.

Phase 3

NLGYBA Executive Officers to hold meeting with involved parties to reach conclusion.

*Please note that it is highly encouraged for the athletes, themselves, to first approach the coach in a calm, respectful, private manner for issues regarding playing time, while still abiding by Phase 1, as detailed above.

New London Girls Youth Basketball Association will, at its discretion, warn or suspend any persons violating or abusing any policy, procedure or code of conduct rule. It is the responsibility of all coaches, officials, players, parents, guardians and fans to know NLGYBA's rules, regulations, policies and procedures.