



WOODBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2011-2012

TRAVELING TEAMS BASKETBALL CONTRACT

PURPOSE: Because of parental/player misunderstandings of the WAA Traveling programs, general policies, rules, and regulations, it is in the best interest of the coaches and directors that a "contract" be drawn up to which all parties show acknowledgement of these policies, rules and regulations.

- I. I, parent and player, ACKNOWLEDGE that the WOODBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WAA) policy regarding their traveling teams **DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 50% PLAYING TIME AT 6th GRADE AND ABOVE.**
- II. Coaches require that because of the higher competitive nature of Traveling Teams and their associated games, players must make a commitment to the team by making attendance at practices and the league/tournament games a high priority.
- III. ANY conduct detrimental to the team or individuals on the team, and/or any violation of the Minnesota State High School League Rules (such as smoking, drinking, fighting, etc.) will present the coach with no option but to enforce the disciplinary actions available to them. These disciplinary actions can include "benching", ineligibility for games, or even removal from the team. It is agreed that, under the established guidelines, both the player and the parent will accept what the coach feels is appropriate discipline.
- IV. Uniforms issued to players by the WAA basketball program are required to be maintained in good condition by players and parents. Participants and parents agree that they will be responsible to replace at their cost, any uniform that is damaged or lost.
- V. Tryouts will be conducted based on the WAA basketball program's standard established evaluation criteria. Participants/parents agree in advance to the results of these tryouts and the players' placement on one of either an A/B/C team or an equally balanced team.
- VI. It is agreed that players and parents will accept constructive criticism from the coaches in a positive way and demonstrate a positive attitude toward all teammates, coaches and game officials.
- VII. It is agreed that players and parents will show respect for the coaches, game officials and their decisions. You will work with your child's coaches to reinforce the skills and attitudes that they are trying to teach and instill in your child. In no case will you actively try to coach your child from the sidelines in a way that is contrary to the instructions being given by your child's coaches. It is also agreed, that you will show respect towards your opponents, officials and coaches at all times.

The officials of any contest are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contest are a part of the game. As a player, you will not rationalize your own poor or unsuccessful performance or behavior by placing responsibility on an official. As player or as a parent, you will take total responsibility for you own behavior. You will apply the rule of good sportsmanship and accept, respect and abide by the decisions made by the officials.

- VIII. As a parent, you agree to do your best to get involved with your child's basketball education and the WAA. As a parent, you understand that you must get **involved** in either the Woodbury Royal Rumble Girls Basketball Tournament on January 27-29, 2012 or the Woodbury Classic Boys Basketball Tournament on February 3-5, 2012 and **will not plan any out of town trips those weekends without first finding a backup volunteer to take your place**. You will be assigned to work admissions or concessions unless you have paid the \$300 per player volunteer replacement fee. **You will be billed the \$300 volunteer replacement fee if you fail to work your scheduled time or do not find a capable replacement volunteer to take your place.**
- IX. As a player, you agree to apply the concepts and drills offered by the coaches and practice them on your own. As a parent, you agree to do your best to reinforce these concepts and skills with your child at home. You also agree to try to understand the development aspect of the teaching and learning of basketball skills and that children learn the game at different rates even under the same practice and game conditions. You also do your best to spend as much time with your child as the coaches do, to help teach your child basketball skills.
- X. As parents, you agree to show your belief in your child, their teammates and coaches and demonstrate methods to reinforce positive self-esteem. You will also do your best to attend your child's games to show that you are proud of them. As a player, you will always do your best whether it is during a practice or a game so that you will always know that you have nobody to blame but yourself if you give less than your best.
- XI. Players and parents will at all times conduct themselves in a manner, both on and off the court, that will bring credit to yourself, your team, your community and the WAA. Conduct unbecoming to the WAA will not be tolerated regardless of the perpetrator. The WAA Basketball Board of Directors will take appropriate action should such an unfortunate situation occur. You commit to making good sportsmanship a top priority so that you model winning with class and tolerating defeat with dignity.
- XII. As a player or a parent, you will notify either a WAA Basketball Director or the WAA President immediately when you are aware that a serious problem exists within the WAA basketball program.
- XIII. As a player you will respect and protect the facilities where you practice and play games whether in Woodbury or outside of Woodbury. You will report to your parents or coach, any damage that occurs that you witness. As a parent, you agree to help monitor the hallways and gyms where your child practices in order to eliminate any damage to District 833 facilities caused by horseplay or unsupervised activity by WAA basketball players.

I, as a player ACCEPT and UNDERSTAND these conditions.

Date: _____

Player's Signature: _____

I, as a parent of a player ACCEPT and UNDERSTAND these conditions.

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

NOTE: This form must be signed by both player and parent prior to any tryout to determine placement on a Traveling Team.