

SHAKOPEE BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK FOR TRAVEL TEAMS

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SOME SIMPLE RULES FOR ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS:

- 1. When practicing in any of the Shakopee School buildings, no food allowed in the gyms, all beverage containers must have a cover.**
- 2. Coaches and players should wear a different pair of shoes on the gym floor than they wear to and from the school.**
- 3. No one should arrive more than 10 minutes prior to a travel team practice.**
- 4. If your team is practicing second, do not enter the gym until the other team leaves.**
- 5. This is mainly for coaches, no basketballs should ever be out of the ball bags until a team has entered the gym for a practice or game, so we do not have anyone bouncing basketball's in the hall of any school building in Shakopee or and or any tournament location.**
- 6. Parents are welcome to all practices, brothers, sisters are not unless under complete supervision of the parent, which means they stay in the gym at all times. Friends of players are never welcome at practice.**
- 7. Players are expected to leave the building immediately after practice, so parents need to make sure they pick up their son at the time practice is scheduled to finish, because the coaches are required not to leave the gym site until all their players have left the building with their ride home.**
- 8. Players found in other parts of the school buildings will be subject to one to two weeks' suspensions from their team.**
- 9. Travel Team Players must provide their own transportation to all games, and each player and coach is expected to be at the game site 1/2 hour before game time. Coaches who are not parents should not give player's rides to tournaments games.**
- 10. Each player is responsible to keep his game uniform in good condition and return it at the end of the season. Travel Team Game uniforms are to be worn for games only.**
- 11. One last point, if your team is the last one to leave the gym on a practice night, make sure the gym is left clean, this means no bottles or anything else is left in the gym, because if you leave anything in the gym, the next day we will receive a e-mail or phone call from that school building informing us our boys basketball players and coaches left the gym in a mess.**
- 12. As a traveling team player it is very important to be at every practice and game, and to make sure you inform your coach of the two excused reasons you may miss a practice or game, which is being ill, or a family event. Missing a game or practice for another athletic event is not an excused absence.**

COACHES CODE OF ETHICS:

As a coach I recognize:

- 1. My position as a role model for all players in terms of behavior and attitude, showing good sportsmanship to the game officials and the opposing team.**
- 2. My responsibility is to treat all players fairly, remembering the difference in physical development of players in the same age group.**
- 3. I will organize the practices to be fun and challenging.**
- 4. I will make sure I am knowledgeable of the game rules, and will teach these rules to all players.**
- 5. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and the game is for the players.**
- 6. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment**
- 7. I will not leave any practice until all players have been picked up to avoid any problems in the school buildings.**

PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS:

As a parent I recognize:

- 1. I will show good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive attitude for all the players, coaches, and officials at every game or practice.**
- 2. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment at each game or practice.**
- 3. I will remember that the game is for the players not the parents.**
- 4. I will insist that my child will treat all other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.**
- 5. I will promise to help my child enjoy the game of basketball within my personal constraints by being a respectful fan, and helping with the program when asked, such as working at our local tournaments.**
- 6. I will always have my child to practices and games on time, and make sure my child is picked up as soon as the practice or game is over so the coach does not have to spend long periods of time in the school buildings waiting for all players to leave.**

PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS:

As a player I recognize:

- 1. I will do my best at all practices and games.**
- 2. I will listen to my coaches when at practices and games.**
- 3. I will practice good sportsmanship by treating all players, coaches, parents, and officials with respect.**
- 4. When in any school building I will respect all the aspect of the building and its employees and will not be found in any other parts of the school building except the gym area and the entrances to the gym area.**
- 5. I will always be to games and practices on time.**
- 6. I will always leave practices as soon as they are complete.**
- 7. I will keep all issued equipment in good condition and return on the last day of the season.**

PLAYER SUSPENSIONS:

We will handle suspensions of players by following the Minnesota State High School League guidelines as they relate to Chemical Use, Academics, or Behavior Issues, and make our rulings based on good judgment for each individual case.

GRIEVANCE POLICY:

If a player or parent has a concern regarding anything, they should follow the procedure listed below.

- 1. Player or Parent contacts the coach directly, but not at a game or practice, think about your concern and then talk to the coach by phone the next day. Usually by the next day your problem will be discussed in a more professional manner or will not be a problem anymore as you go home and sleep on your concern.**
- 2. If you still have a concern after talking to the coach, please contact Bob Techam, Basketball Association President at 952-445-6029, who will act as the mediator.**

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