Mamaroneck Travel Hoops Code of Conduct

Mamaroneck Travel Hoops, Inc. is a volunteer-run nonprofit serving 5th–8th grade boys and girls who live in the Mamaroneck and Rye Neck school districts. Our goal is to help kids improve as players, compete hard in the Hudson Valley Travel Basketball League (HVTBL), and enjoy being part of a team. This code applies to everyone involved in the program: players, parents and guardians, coaches, and spectators.

Players

- Show up on time, ready to practice and play, and let your coach know in advance if you'll miss a practice or game.
- Give full effort and be coachable, even when you disagree with a decision.
- Treat teammates, opponents, referees, and gym staff with respect. Trash talk, taunting, and foul language are not tolerated.
- Win with humility and lose with dignity. Shake hands after every game.
- Take care of the gyms we use. They are school facilities, and our access depends on leaving them as we found them.
- Remember that school comes first. Keep up with your schoolwork and behave well in the classroom as well as on the court.

Parents and Guardians

- Encourage your child and the whole team. Cheer for effort and good plays on both sides.
- Leave the coaching to the coaches. Please don't give instructions from the sideline during games or practices.
- Respect the officials. Referees are part of the game, and questioning or criticizing calls is not acceptable.
- Model good sportsmanship. Kids take their cues from the adults in the stands.
- Raise concerns the right way. Wait at least 24 hours after a game, then reach out to the coach privately and respectfully. Never approach a coach about playing time or other concerns before, during, or immediately after a game. If an issue isn't resolved, contact the program's leadership.
- Understand our roster policy. Teams within each grade are built to be as evenly matched as possible, placement requests are not accepted, and coaches decide lineups and playing time.

Coaches

- Put player development, safety, and enjoyment ahead of winning.
- Teach the fundamentals of the game along with teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.
- Treat every player fairly and communicate clearly with players and families about expectations.
- Respect officials, opposing coaches, and players, and set a positive example on the bench.
- Follow HVTBL rules and all program policies, and use school facilities responsibly.

Spectators

Everyone at our games, including friends, relatives, and other guests, represents Mamaroneck Travel Hoops. Positive cheering is welcome; heckling players, coaches, or officials is not.

Enforcement

Violations may result in a warning, removal from a practice or game, suspension, or dismissal from the program, depending on the seriousness and frequency of the behavior. Spectators or parents who behave inappropriately may be asked to leave the gym. Program leadership will make final decisions on disciplinary matters, and fees are not refunded for dismissals due to conduct.
