

Graniteville Wildcats – Official Rules

1. Player Conduct

1.1 **Respect** – Players must show respect to coaches, teammates, referees, opponents, and themselves at all times.

1.2 **Effort** – Hustle and 100% effort are expected at all practices, games, and team events.

1.3 **Discipline** – Repeated disrespect, foul language, or poor attitude may result in suspension or removal from the team.

1.4 **Academics** – Players are expected to maintain passing grades and positive behavior in school.

1.5 **Attendance** – Players must notify their coach at least **24 hours** in advance if they will miss a practice and **72 hours** in advance if they will miss a game. If the player is under 14, or doesn't have a phone, a parent or guardian must provide this notification. Exceptions may be made in the case of emergencies. Chronic unexcused absences or late notices will result in loss of playing time.

2. Parent/Guardian Expectations

2.1 **Support** – Parents should positively support the team and coaches from the sidelines.

2.2 **No Sideline Coaching** – Only assigned coaches may instruct players during games or practices.

2.3 **Communication** – Concerns must be addressed respectfully and through proper channels (i.e. schedule a meeting with a coach or director, not during or immediately after a game).

2.4 **Transportation** – Parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child to and from all practices, games, and events unless otherwise arranged.

3. Practice & Game Rules

3.1 **Arrive on Time** – Players must arrive 15 minutes early to practice and 30 minutes early to games.

3.2 **Uniform & Gear** – Players must wear the assigned uniform and bring proper equipment (shoes, water, etc.).

3.3 **Behavior** – No fighting, arguing, or unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated.

3.4 **Playing Time** – Is earned through effort, attendance, attitude, and performance, not guaranteed.

4. Travel & Tournaments

- 4.1 **Conduct While Traveling** – Players represent the Club and must behave appropriately in hotels, vans, restaurants, and event venues.
- 4.2 **Supervision** – Parents are responsible for their child's travel and lodging unless team travel is officially arranged.
- 4.3 **Curfew** – For overnight events, curfews set by coaches must be strictly followed.
- 4.4 **Dress Code** – Players may be required to wear team apparel or follow dress guidelines while traveling.

5. Social Media & Public Image

- 5.1 **Positive Representation** – Players and families must avoid posting anything negative, inappropriate, or harmful to the Club's image.
- 5.2 **Media Use** – Any use of the Graniteville Wildcats name, logo, or uniform on public channels must be respectful and consistent with Club values.
- 5.3 **Cyberbullying** – Any form of online harassment or bullying will result in disciplinary action, up to removal from the program.

6. Disciplinary Actions

- 6.1 **Warnings** – Minor infractions may result in verbal or written warnings.
- 6.2 **Suspensions** – Continued issues may lead to temporary suspension from practices or games.
- 6.3 **Dismissal** – The Club reserves the right to remove any player or family from the program for serious or repeated violations.

7. Agreement & Waiver Compliance

- 7.1 **Waivers** – All players and guardians must sign a liability waiver and code of conduct before participating.
- 7.2 **Medical Clearance** – Players must be physically cleared by a doctor if required by the Club.
- 7.3 **Insurance** – The Club is not liable for injuries, travel incidents, or outside events unless otherwise stated in writing.

8. Coaches Expectations

- 8.1 **Professional Conduct** – Coaches must model integrity, respect, and sportsmanship at all times.
- 8.2 **Player Development** – Coaches must prioritize growth, teamwork, and character over winning.
- 8.3 **Safety & Well-Being** – Coaches must follow all safety guidelines and are mandated reporters of suspected abuse or neglect.

8.4 Communication – Coaches must communicate clearly and respectfully with players, families, and leadership. Profanity or inappropriate behavior is prohibited.

8.5 Faith & Values – Coaches are encouraged to model Christian principles such as honesty, humility, and servant leadership. Prayer and encouragement are welcomed but never required.

8.6 Conflict Resolution – Coaches must resolve disputes calmly and respectfully. Angry confrontations with officials, parents, or players are prohibited.

8.7 Commitment & Accountability – Coaches must attend practices, games, and meetings consistently, providing advance notice when unavailable.

8.8 Practice Requirements – Teams must practice a **minimum of 3 hours per week** during non-game/tournament weeks, and **2 hours per week** during tournament or game weeks. The **maximum is 4.5 hours per week**. No single practice may exceed 2.5 hours. Practices cannot be scheduled on Sundays or Wednesdays.

9. Club Values & Culture

9.1 Faith, Family, Basketball– The Graniteville Basketball Club emphasizes personal growth, respect, and purpose both on and off the court.

9.2 "Untamed" Mindset – Players and coaches are expected to approach the game with relentless energy, mental toughness, and team pride — the Wildcat way.

Acknowledgement of receipt - Code of Conduct and Official Rules for Parents

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