

### OTP BASKETBALL PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW

OTP Basketball has implemented the following Player and Parent Code of Conduct that are considered binding regarding player, and more importantly, parent / family member behavior.

All Players and Parents (or legal guardians) must read, understand, and sign this form prior to the player's full participation on an OTP Basketball Team

By signing this form (page 5) the player and parent both have read and understood the rules in the OTP Teams Rules & Expectations For Players and Parents document (page 4). Both provide their consent that a player who violates the Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by their team's head coach and or Program Director. This disciplinary action may include a loss of playing time in games or the forfeiture of the privilege to participate in the program for the season. As a rule, refunds are not offered.

OTP Director : Jack Shaughnessy

## OTP Parents, Legal Guardians, Fans and Guests Code of Conduct Code of conduct also applies to social media, email, GroupMe, etc.

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. Cheering and encouragement from the stands is encouraged. Cheering and encouragement for every kid on the team, not just yours, is highly encouraged.
- □ I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- $\Box$  I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes.
- □ I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect at all times regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- □ I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- □ I will respect the officials and coaches for their authority during games and practices; I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the gymnasium, but will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed-upon time and place.
- □ I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the registered coaches for the team.
- □ I have read and will also abide by the rules for parents in the Expectations document.
- □ Keep up with the information on GroupMe, OTP Emails, and OTP Social Media
- □ I understand that refunds are not offered if we leave or quit the program or are removed from the team.



#### <u>Issues, concerns, or grievances protocol</u> <u>Please respectfully discuss in this manner</u> <u>Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the OTP program</u> <u>Refunds are not an option</u>

#### 12U-16U Follow these steps :

- If you or your athlete have an issue, concern, or grievance, try to have your athlete work it out on their own with the coach. Preferably during, before or after practice time. NEVER during a game or while wearing the OTP Uniform. If OTP Uniform is on it's time to work not time to negotiate, problem solve, complain or have a conversation about issues. We realize the younger athletes are still learning these skills and we do expect them to make mistakes. Coaches will guide players on how to problem solve, fix the issue or approach the concern in a better way.
- 2. If the perceived issue, concern, or grievance persists. Email the coach and set up a time to talk face to face. Do not approach this subject in GroupMe, text or in person at a game. Make an appointment.
- 3. Follow up respectfully and treat the Coach as a professional. The OTP Director and program will not tolerate disrespectful behavior toward our coaches or staff.
- 4. IF your coach does not respond within 48 hours. Send the email again and copy OTP. (outsidetheperimeterbasketball.com)

#### 17U Follow these steps :

17U Young adults should handle issues, concerns, or grievances directly and respectfully with the coaches and the parents should remain uninvolved. This is an opportunity for your young adult athlete to practice skills they will need in the real world. Please know that coaches will reach out if they need a parent to intervene. Most of what your athlete would like to see change can be changed on the court during practice. If not, consider that the issue may be more important to you than it is to your athlete.

Disrespect to OTP coaches and staff in any setting (at games, in GroupME, email, or on social media) is unacceptable, and may result in dismissal from the program with no refund offered.

#### **OTP RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS 2022**

- ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES AND SCRIMMAGES IS VERY IMPORTANT! Teams practice 3 to 4 times more than the playing time that occurs during competitions. 80% or greater is expected.
- Arrive at practice on time/early, and be ready to start at the designated time.
- No talking when: (i) any coach is talking, or (ii) any teammate is talking to the team or asking a question.
- When a coach blows the whistle, stop what you are doing and listen.
- Goofing off during practice is disruptive and unfair to your teammates and coaches if you persist, be prepared for an appropriate penalty to be decided by your coach (ex., pushups,running, being asked to sit out, etc).
- MISSED PRACTICES/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: If missing practices becomes an issue, playing time will be impacted per the decision of the coach.
- EXCUSED ABSENCES: Illness, a family emergency, or a school function will be considered an excused absence, if communicated a reasonable time (at least 2 or 3 hours) prior to the practice, scrimmage, or game, to the coach or team manager.
- GAMES: Arrive at games and be ready (shoes and uniform on) at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Always bring complete OTP uniforms to each game.
- Parents will be allowed to watch practices, but please no communication with your child while practice is on let the coaches coach. If this becomes a concern to the coach(es), e.g, parents yelling from the side of the gym and distracting players, parents will be asked to leave the gym during practices or games. Remember ; be seen and not be heard, or better yet use the practice time to run an errand, catch up on things outside the gym. Coaches will always make sure that the players are safe and supervised.
- If you have a concern about your child's development, playing time, health issues, etc., please NEVER come up to a coach during, before or right after a game or a practice and demand to talk to them right then. Please email them later to make an appointment to talk outside of the gym and away from other team members.
- Parents please remember to release your child to the coach and the team. Unfortunately, your playing days may be over so don't live through your child. They have enough pressure on their shoulders and they don't need your weight on them. Cheer for all OTP players because it makes for a pleasant experience all around. Please do not coach your son/daughter or the team from the sideline. Refrain from using improper language towards refs and opposing fans/players. Let the referees ref the game because you are not making the situation better by screaming.
- Allow your child to relax after the game and if they want to talk to you about the game then they will. With this in mind, do not engage in a conversation with your player or the coach after the game about the game. This just makes for a better car ride home for all involved. *If you have concerns, set up a time to speak with the coach and hopefully come to a resolution.*

Please sign and return immediately KEEP PAGES 1-4 FOR YOUR RECORDS

Sign indicating you and your student athlete read and understand the following Keep those pages for your records.

- Page 1. OTP BASKETBALL PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW
- Page 2. OTP Parents, Legal Guardians, Fans and Guests Code of Conduct Code of conduct also applies to social media, email, GroupMe, etc.
- Page 3 Issues, concerns, or grievances protocol

Page 4. OTP RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS

Your signature indicates that you understand our "no refund" policy. Season ending injuries will be considered on a case by case basis and partial refunds may be offered.

# PARENTS SIGNATURES (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

NAME PRINTED AND FULL SIGNATURE

ATHLETE NAME AND SIGNATURE