

## **Cameron Park CSD – Adult Basketball League**

### **Player Code of Conduct**

The Adult Basketball League is intended to provide a safe, enjoyable, and sportsmanlike environment for all participants, officials, spectators, and staff. All players, coaches, and team representatives are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner before, during, and after each game.

Any ejected player/coach/manager must leave the park or facility immediately. Failure to do so may result in a maximum penalty for the violation. Any further action or disruption may result in the official ejecting the player or manager from the park or facility.

A player/coach/manager who is on probation for a Code of Conduct violation and is reported for another violation of the Code of Conduct will face double the normal penalty for the new violation. Any probation or suspension included in the penalty for the new violation will run consecutively with the former penalty.

### **The Following Conduct Is Prohibited**

#### **1. Fighting or Physical Aggression**

##### **Definition**

Fighting is strictly prohibited. Fighting is defined as any intentional or aggressive physical contact, or attempt to make physical contact, that occurs outside the normal course of basketball play. This policy applies to conduct directed toward players, coaches, officials, scorekeepers, spectators, District staff, or volunteers before, during, or after any league activity on District property.

##### **Prohibited Conduct**

Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Punching, swinging, kicking, slapping, striking, choking, or throwing an object at another individual.
- Shoving, pushing, grabbing, head-butting, chest-bumping, pinning, or making any aggressive physical contact.
- Aggressively charging toward another person, attempting to initiate a fight, or otherwise escalating a physical confrontation.
- Leaving the bench, sideline, or spectator area to enter or approach an on-court altercation. Any player, coach, or team representative who leaves

the bench area during an altercation is subject to discipline, regardless of whether physical contact occurs.

- Attempting to encourage, incite, or continue a physical altercation.

### **Enforcement**

- **No Retaliation:** Retaliation is not considered self-defense. Any participant who responds with physical aggression is subject to the same disciplinary action as the individual who initiated the altercation.
- **Officials' Authority:** Referees and District staff have the authority to determine whether conduct constitutes fighting, physical aggression, or unsportsmanlike conduct. Their decisions regarding player removal are final for that contest.

### **Penalty**

Any participant involved in fighting or physical aggression will receive:

- Immediate ejection from the game.
- Immediate removal from the facility. An ejected individual must leave the gymnasium and surrounding District property and remain out of sight within three (3) minutes.
- An automatic minimum one-game suspension.
- Probation for the remainder of the current season.
- Administrative review by the League Director.

Depending on the severity of the incident, prior disciplinary history, or injuries resulting from the altercation, additional discipline may include suspension for the remainder of the season, permanent removal from the league, or loss of future participation privileges. No refunds will be issued for suspensions or removals due to misconduct.

## **2. Abusive or Discriminatory Language**

### **Prohibited Conduct**

Using profanity directed at another individual, threats, harassment, or language that is discriminatory based on race, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or other protected status.

### **Penalty**

- Immediate ejection.
- Minimum one-game suspension and probation for remainder of season.

- Severe or repeated violations may result in season suspension, including post-season playoffs, or permanent removal.

### **3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

#### **Prohibited Conduct**

Excessive arguing with officials, taunting opponents, throwing equipment, refusing to follow officials' instructions, or behavior that disrupts the game.

#### **Penalty**

- Warning (when appropriate).
- Technical foul or ejection.
- Two technical fouls in one game leads to an automatic ejection
- Additional suspension, including post-season playoffs, for repeated violations.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators may result in the game being stopped until the spectator leaves, and repeated issues may result in team forfeiture.

### **4. Abuse of Officials or Staff**

#### **Prohibited Conduct**

Threatening, intimidating, or verbally abusing referees, scorekeepers, District employees, volunteers, or league administrators.

#### **Penalty**

- Immediate ejection.
- Minimum two-game suspension, including post-season playoffs and probation for remainder of season.
- Additional discipline up to permanent removal.

### **5. Intoxication**

#### **Prohibited Conduct**

Appearing to participate while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs inside the gym or facility.

**Penalty**

- Immediate removal from the facility.
- Minimum one-game suspension.

**6. Dangerous Play****Prohibited Conduct**

Flagrant fouls, excessive contact, or reckless actions intended to injure another player.

**Penalty**

- Immediate ejection.
- Minimum two-game suspension, including post-season playoffs and probation for remainder of season.
- Suspension determined by league administration.

**7. Failure to Leave After Ejection****Prohibited Conduct**

Any player, coach, or spectator who is ejected must leave the gymnasium and surrounding facility immediately.

**Penalty**

- Failure to leave may result in forfeiture of the game, additional suspension, including post-season playoffs, and removal from the league.

**8. Smoking or Vaping****Prohibited Conduct**

Smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products is prohibited inside District facilities.

**Penalty**

- Warning and removal from the facility.

## **Progressive Discipline**

The General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor reserve the right to impose additional discipline based on the severity of the violation.

Disciplinary action may include:

- Verbal warning
- Technical foul
- Game ejection
- One or more game suspension, including probation for remainder of season.
- Suspension for the remainder of the season, including post-season playoffs
- Permanent removal from the Adult Basketball League
- Team forfeiture when appropriate
- Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators.

Repeated violations during the same season may result in increased penalties.

The General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor reserves the right to review any incident and impose additional discipline beyond the referee's in-game decision when warranted. Any rulings by the General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor are final regarding discipline and eligibility.

## **Probation Policy**

Any player who is ejected from a game will automatically be placed on probation for the remainder of the current season(s).

While on probation:

- Any subsequent Code of Conduct violation may result in an immediate suspension or removal from the league.
- A second ejection during the same season will result in a minimum suspension of the remainder of the season.
- The General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor reserves the right to extend suspensions or permanently remove a player for severe misconduct.

The General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor reserve the right to increase or reduce disciplinary action based on the severity of an incident, a participant's disciplinary history, or any other relevant circumstances. They may also impose disciplinary action for conduct that jeopardizes the safety, welfare, or enjoyment of league participants or interferes with the operation of the program, even if the conduct is

not specifically addressed in this Code of Conduct. All disciplinary decisions made by the General Manager and/or Recreation Supervisor are final.

\*There are **NO REFUNDS** for any suspensions or removals due to misconduct\*

### **Player Acknowledgement**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have:

- Read and understand the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk.
- Read and agree to follow the Adult Basketball League Rules.
- Read and agree to abide by the Player Code of Conduct.
- Understand that violations may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the league without refund.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_