

Eaton's Neck Youth Center

ENYC Mission Statement:

The mission of Eaton's Neck Youth Center is to promote, provide for and continue to create a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all participants of all skill levels while promoting good sportsmanship, courtesy toward others, fair play, teamwork and individual character.

Coaches Guidelines

It is a privilege, not a given right, to be chosen to coach your child or children, their friends and the other children on your team. There are more individuals asking to participate as a coach than there are positions available.

As part of your agreement to accept responsibility for coaching a team you are to insure that the children participating in ENYC have fun, learn good sportsmanship-like conduct which is directly affected by the example you set, and develop a spirit of cooperation and team play.

In addition:

You are to respect each child, their parent(s), the referees and those individuals that give of their time to organize and direct the league.

Recognize that your actions and words have a direct impact on those members of your team and those practicing with or competing against your team. Therefore there must be no yelling at or confrontation with a referee, opposing coach or parent. Any coach who approaches a referee (teenage or adult) in a hostile or confrontational manner before, during or after a game will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Provide instruction in the game of basketball suitable to the age level of the team you are coaching.

Provide all players equal playing time in every game while integrating them throughout the entire course of the game.

Acknowledge at all times that ENYC is not meant to be a competitive league and that teaching a child how to lose is just as, or more, important as teaching them how to win. Your character in defeat will teach them more valuable life lessons than your character in winning. You are to be a positive example for these children at all times.

Recognize that with the ever increasing demands for gym time placed on the school district by many community organizations the time available to ENYC is limited. Therefore you will be assigned a day and time to practice and appreciate that there can be no other use of any gym anywhere on any day or time for this purpose. Should you violate this rule you accept that you be told to resign your position.

Fully understand that alcohol use or smoking on school grounds will lead to immediate termination.

Respect that the decision of the referees, even termination of a game, is final under any and all circumstances including expulsion of coaches and/or parents from the game and/or gym.

Your additional responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Fully understanding the league rules and guidelines for your particular division
- Remembering that ENYC is a youth sport for the fun of the children
- Insuring that you have only one assistant coach
- Attending to any and all injuries during practices or games at the time of occurrence
- For the parents of your team and their behavior during practices and games.
- For assigning parents on a rotating basis clock duty, hallway duty and scoreboard duty.
- For leaving the gym after each practice and game in a clean manner.
- For respecting that the next morning the gym is a teacher's office who is teaching our children and therefore school items are not there for anyone's personal entertainment.
- For insuring that children, players or siblings, do not run in, or bounce balls in, school hallways at any time.
- For the safety of each child including escorting them to water breaks and remaining with them after a practice or game until a parent arrives.
- For insuring that all custodians are treated with respect and dignity and that all requests made by them, at any time, are immediately fulfilled.
- For insuring that your AED/CPR certification is current at all times.
- For reporting any violation of league rules by a player, coach or parent. Failure to do so will result in a one week suspension

Finally - you will always place the emotional and physical well-being of every child participating in the league ahead of any personal goals or desired accomplishments at all times.

We apologize for the tone of these guidelines but past experience has taught ENYC many lessons, unfortunately they have not all been of the positive nature.

Have great season and enjoy the time spent with your child.