

# The Oswego Youth Basketball Association

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR PARTICIPANT AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

It is our goal to promote sportsmanship and citizenship for the youth of the Oswego community through the game of basketball.

To that end, all interested children in the grades we serve are allowed to participate.

We strive to implement a program that is safe and enjoyable for the players of our league, focusing on teaching them sportsmanship, skills, teamwork, with a strong emphasis on fun, while playing the game of basketball.

Therefore, we implement the following 'Zero Tolerance Policy'. This policy is applied to all spectators and participants, including coaches, officials, and league volunteers.

League officials, including game referees, are directed to stop any game or practice when parents, spectators, or any other participants display what they deem to be inappropriate or disruptive behavior, or interfere with any other participants in a way that negatively affects those participants.

Game officials are empowered to remove the violators from the area. If the offending parties refuse to leave, security and/or law enforcement may be called, as necessary. Once violators of this policy are removed from further impacting the event, play may then resume.

Game officials will identify violators of this policy to the Oswego Youth Basketball Association Board of Directors, where further action may be taken as is deemed appropriate by the Board.

Examples of inappropriate and disruptive behavior include:

- Obscene or vulgar language, to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators including baiting, ridiculing, physical violence or the threat thereof.
- Throwing any object in the spectators' viewing area, players' bench / area, or onto the court.
- Making negative comments concerning any parent, spectator, or other participant, in a manner that incites or offends others.

We ask all adults to please keep in mind the importance of teaching our children the correct attitudes and to do your part to be a role model for them to follow.

**By signing below you are agreeing to adhere to the above policies.**

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_