

## **The Texas Express Basketball Club Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct and Financial Responsibility Policies**

The purpose of this document is to ensure that all parents/guardians of the players participating in The Texas Express Basketball Club are made aware of the financial responsibility policy and are participants of the AAU's 'No Nonsense to Violence' involving parents and fans. Each parent/guardian must read and acknowledge receipt of these policies.

1. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child's participation in The Texas Express Basketball Club.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, or practice. Therefore, as a parent and fan, I will not harass, abuse, disrespect, or cause a disturbance against any coaches, players, or officials. The Texas Express Basketball Club will not tolerate hostile and disruptive behavior by coaches, parent, or fans.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my children ahead of my personal desire to win.
4. I will demand a healthy sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and likewise will refrain from their use at AAU youth basketball events.
5. I will remember that my child's game of basketball is for youth—not adults.
6. I will not approach my child's coach directly before, during, or directly after a game. I will wait 24 hours before addressing any concerns. I understand that the coach will only discuss concerns involving my child and not another child on the team. I further understand, that I will discuss my concerns with my child's coach first. If I am not able to resolve an issue, I will consult with the Director of Operations, Kenny Yates. All efforts will be made to resolve issues in a respectful and calm manner with all parties involved.
7. I will not be a distraction in any form before, during, or after a game. I understand that all team members will be expected to stay focused on the coach's game plan & must listen to the coach's instruction before, during, and after games. I promise to not coach from the sideline, my child or any other child, as it may cause distraction and confusion to players involved.
8. I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
9. I will assure transportation and support the attendance & prompt arrival of my child to all practices and games. I will communicate in advance if my child is unable to attend a practice or game. I will ensure that my child arrives early to games as the individual coach directs.
10. I will guarantee payment of all fees. I understand that these fees must stay current in order for player participation in practices and games. Texas Express understands that financial difficulties do occur. If your family encounters difficult financial circumstances, we ask that you respectfully communicate with your Texas Express coach, and/or contact our Director of Operations, so that arrangements may be made. Texas Express is a non-profit and does offer limited financial assistance.
11. I understand that if I supply a check which is returned by a bank due to insufficient funds, the only acceptable payment will be cash or money order. A fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for all 'hot checks' written and must be paid along with the amount due to the payee in the form of cash/money order in a timely manner. No checks will be accepted as a form of payment after the first "hot check" is written.
12. I understand that the Texas Express Basketball Club does not issue refunds for any reason, including practice and tournament changes, and/or a family decision to not participate in a scheduled tournament.

If I fail to abide by the given code of conduct and/or meet my financial obligation, I understand the consequences could include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by official, team coach, and/or Director of the Texas Express Club
2. Written warning by team coach and/or Director of the Texas Express Club
3. Parent/Player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Texas Express
4. Dismissal from participation as members of The Texas Express Basketball Club