

Guajome Park Academy Basketball

Code of Conduct

Goals of the Program:

- I. To develop **adults** who are respected for overcoming adversity, accepting challenges with enthusiasm, and for being positive, productive members of our society. Adults who have strong enough character to do the right thing all of the time.
- II. To create **athletes** who will get the most out of themselves. Athletes who are internally motivated to make themselves better and ones who give everything they have every time.
- III. To produce **basketball players** who are confident in their abilities, training, and conditioning. Basketball players who know that they can win every game they are in, regardless if they do or not.
- IV. We are a “*Pursuing Victory with Honor*” high school and we will follow the guidelines set.

The Code:

- I believe, along with the coaching staff, that student athletes in the Guajome Park Academy Basketball Program should exemplify the highest ideals of scholarship, sportsmanship, and citizenship. Young people in this program will be expected to be courteous, respectful, and responsible at all times.
- In addition to the following rules that govern all Guajome Park Academy students, participants in the Guajome Park Academy Basketball Program recognize that playing for Guajome Park Academy carries with it additional responsibilities. Thus I submit to the additional guidelines and consequences put forth in this document and referred to as “The Code”.
- As a participating member of the Guajome Park Academy Basketball Program, I agree to the following Code of Conduct.

1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Basketball players must be eligible according to GPA Eligibility Standards. All players are required to attend study hall to improve their grades. Ineligibility does not necessarily exclude a player from responsibility to the program. Chronic ineligibility, whether in season or not, may result in removal from the program.

To be eligible, a player needs to maintain a 2.0 GPA along with having no F's, no more than 1 D and no U's in citizenship. If a player becomes ineligible he will be placed on probation for 3 weeks. Upon completion of those 3 weeks a player will be re-evaluated and, if grades have improved, will be able to participate in games. If he is still ineligible, the player will be removed from the program.

2. CLASS ATTENDANCE

Basketball players who are truant from a class will additionally be ineligible for practice or a game. A missed game or practice will carry additional penalty of an unexcused absence.

3. ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY

Basketball players will respond to coaches' request for improvement in academic courses. This may be to commit to mandatory SH attendance with that teacher of the troubled class or the coach, or before/after school tutorials with the teacher or the coach. Failure to do so will be considered defiance of coaches' authority.

4. WORKOUT/PRACTICE/TEAM MEETING ATTENDANCE

Basketball players must attend mandatory workouts or meetings, and be on time. All missed practices, excused or unexcused, will need to be made up. A missed practice is considered a missed opportunity to get better. To reduce the impact on a player, said basketball player would be given the opportunity to make up the practice by running in a predetermined time and under the supervision of a coach. This is not a punishment and thus will be considered in addition to any running requirement for an unexcused absence.

Failure to attend a mandatory meeting/practice without excuse will result in:

FIRST OFFENSE: Opportunity
SECOND OFFENSE: Opportunity and Suspension from next game.
THIRD OFFENSE: DISMISSAL

These accumulate throughout the season.

A tardy player will:

FIRST OFFENSE: Opportunity
SECOND OFFENSE: Opportunity and Suspension from next game
THIRD OFFENSE: Opportunity and suspension from entire week
FOURTH OFFENSE: Suspension/Dismissal from the team.

***Note: Dismissal is the decision of the head coach.**

5. TRAVEL

Players are expected to travel to and from competitions with the team unless excused by the administration or coach to the player's parents. Players represent Guajome Park Academy and the Guajome Park Academy Basketball Program while traveling. Coaches expect them to show class and be respectful to other school employees.

6. BEHAVIOR

Unless otherwise indicated, infractions of rules in this section will result in an immediate punishment consisting of but not limited to:

- 1) *Immediate apology*
- 2) *Opportunity*

3) *Opportunity and possible suspense*

4) *DIMISSAL*

- Players will be respectful to all. Especially school employees, officials, parents, teachers, and other students.)
- Players will be respectful to coaches, and will refer to coaches by "Coach".
- Players will maintain composure during practice and competitions. They will not argue with or demean officials, opposing coaches, or players.
- Players will not curse or swear.
- Players will refrain from horseplay or rough housing.
- Players will not litter in locker room or on campus.
- Players will enthusiastically follow directions given by a coach. Sullen or reluctant behavior is not tolerated.
- Players will respond to questions asked of them with a "Yes, Coach" or "No, Coach" as the situation dictates
- Players will be responsible in completing all paperwork, such as physicals, clearances, and equipment returns. ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE TURNED IN ON TIME. ANY ATHLETE WHO HAS NOT TURNED IN EQUIPMENT OR OWES MONEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN BANQUET, HE WILL BE ISSUED A DEBT NOTICE, AND HE WILL NOT BE ISSUED ANY OTHER ATHLETIC GEAR UNTIL THE EQUIPMENT IS RETURNED OR PAID FOR.
- Players will be honest. Players who cheat or lie will be punished or dismissed.
- Players will treat the school property with care. Vandalism will be punished and could result in removal from the program, a monetary fine or prosecution by the school.
- Players will not steal. Anyone found to steal from the locker room would be dismissed without a second chance.
- Players will conduct themselves with dignity and class at all times when on the road and during competition.
- Players will win the same way they lose. They will quickly return to and from the court. They will cordially shake the opponent's hands.
- When on the road, Players will enthusiastically follow all schedules set up by the coach.
- When on the road, basketball players will never leave the premises of competition without requesting permission from the coach.

7. CARE AND USE OF EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Players will dress properly for workouts, practices, and competitions. No basketball player will modify or alter issued equipment, or wear any equipment not issued by the school WITHOUT coaches' permission.

UNIFORM CODE

- Approved practice uniforms will be worn in practice and during weight-lifting
- Approved protective gear only
- No jewelry, watches
- Uniforms cleaned
- Game socks selected by the coach and/or players
- No white tape on uniform
- Any player not in uniform will be considered defiant and receive opportunity

8. INJURIES

Players will report to the coach immediately upon being injured. Attendance is still mandatory (unless excused from school also). THERE WILL BE NO LOITERING OR HORSE PLAY IN THE GYMNASIUM.

9. GROOMING AND DRESS

Players will be properly groomed and dressed during the season. The school dress code will be strictly enforced. In the spirit of team togetherness, nothing that displays outlandish individuality will be tolerated.

10. EARLY TERMINATION

No player will be excused from participation in the basketball program without the express permission of the head coach. No player will participate in any other sport during the basketball season without the permission of the head coach and the coach of any other sport.

11. DRUGS, TOBACCO, ALCOHOL

Players will not use tobacco of any kind.

Players will not use alcohol.

Players will not use drugs or possess drug paraphernalia.

PLAYERS WHO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SUBSTANCES ARE ASKED TO SEEK HELP FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY. SUCH PLAYERS WILL BE TREATED WITH PRIVACY, AND COACHES WILL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO HELP SUCH PLAYERS.

PLAYERS WHO ARE REPORTED TO THE COACHES, AS ALCOHOL OR DRUG USERS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK HELP. PLAYERS WHO PARTAKE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUGS DURING THE SEASON WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE SCHOOL GOVERNING THESE ISSUES. IN ADDITION, ON THE FIRST OFFENSE, ANY PLAYER WHO IS FOUND TO HAVE TAKEN ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE DISMISSED.

12. COURTESY/INSUBORDINATION/DEFIANCE

Basketball players will follow all directions and direct commands of those in authority. If a question arises regarding the directions, the player will wait until an appropriate time to address the coach or other person in authority. At this time respect and deference to authority will be maintained at all times.

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