**Big Sandy Basketball**

**Player/Coach Conduct Agreement**

As coaches we try to set high standards for players, both on and off the court, in season and out of season.  We expect all players to treat everyone with dignity and respect both on and off the court. We ask that outside of basketball players set a positive example and represent the Big Sandy School and community in a positive manner.

As Coaches we strive to set the example by living up to the same the same standards, principles and expectations that we set for your kids. We are not perfect, and we do not expect you kids to be perfect either, what we do expect is ownership of mistakes and a willingness to grow and learn from mistakes, as we try to do ourselves.

**Coaching Philosophy**

**Coach Character First!** We believe in building a basketball program around strong personal character and basic fundamental values. We believe that the core values that we teach as a team including Discipline, Hard Work, Selflessness, Faith, Love and Integrity are essentials to success both on the court and off the court. Our goals is to help teach our kids the tools they need to be successful in all they do.

We expect the players to improve each day by enhancing their skill set by providing discipline and structure to help the players grow and mature

**What the Coaches Expect of the Players:**

1. Give 100% effort and try your best at all times, no excuses
2. Learn something from each practice and game
3. Be positive towards yourself and others around you
4. Represent the Big Sandy School and community in a positive manner
5. FAMILY First, TEAM Second, SELF Last
6. “Own The Moment”

**Big Sandy Basketball Team Standards**

1. Be on time! Allow yourself enough time to get taped, stretch, or warm up before you step on the floor. You are not allowed to play until you are properly dressed.
2. Cell Phone use is prohibited, this includes practice, games and when other Big Sandy teams are playing.
3. Practice begins as soon as you step on the floor! Come mentally and physically prepared to put in work the moment the whistle blows!
4. When a coach is instructing a player, everyone should stop and hold the ball and listen to what they are saying.
5. Players should wait outside the gym until the gym is ready in order to be respectful of the other teams or activities going on.  There is no reason to be a distraction to others.
6. When you are not participating in a practice or drill - watch, listen and learn! This includes injured players as well an ineligible players.
7. Do NOT criticize your teammates; we are a team. We are here to help build each other up not tear each other down.
8. **BULLYING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!** Bullying will not be tolerated in any way shape or form either on the court or in the classroom. As student athletes you are to set the example! **Any reports of bullying on any level will be addressed directly with the player and *WILL HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON PLAYING TIME!!***
9. Accept the role your team needs you to play as a player and teammate!
10. If you will not be at practice, the player or their guardian must let the Coach know before practice begins. **If a player misses a practice the day before a game, that player will not play that game if it has not been pre-approved by a coach!**
11. Missed practices or being late to practices, **even when excused**, will be cause for reduced playing time in games.
12. Walking out on team practices or team events will result in a 2 week suspension from games on the first offense. If it happens a second time you will be off the team.
13. Players will be expected to wear formal dress attire or common team gear for every game both away and home.
14. Parents are not allowed in the gym during practice

**Playing Time**

Playing time is a direct reflection of a player’s attitude and effort both in practices and in games. Playing time will also be affected by their behavior in and out of school. ***COACHES WILL NOT DISCUSS PLAYING TIME WITH PARENTS!***

**Games**

Players are expected to sit with their team, they are your teammates and they deserve your respect and consideration at all times. ***If you must be told multiple times to sit with your team or act appropriately, it will directly affect your playing time.***

**NO CELL PHONE USE DURING GAMES OR IN LOCKER ROOMS!**

**Discipline**

Discipline is essential for there to be respect between a coach and a player.  Without discipline or consequences, a team cannot function properly.  If a player does not have the proper grades to participate in a sport, we will address the issue according to the Big Sandy School Policy.  Furthermore, we believe the player should reach out to the particular teacher that can help/tutor where the player is struggling.  A player will not participate in practice or games until grades are acceptable.  Behavioral issues will be discussed as a team. As a team, we will set the behavior standards and the consequences for not adhering to standards that we set as a team.

**Social Media Policy**

Social media (and any other form of media) regarding a player’s participation in the Big Sandy Basketball Program should be limited to positive messages only, not derogatory messages/statements directed to the team, players, coaches, opponents etc. When you post negative comments, it reflects negatively on our school, program, community, and yourself.  Your posts are never private.

***If players have an issue, we ask that you address it with the coaches and athletic director first. If the issue is not resolved to you satisfaction then we will include other school administration parents or guardians to help resolve the issue.***

**About Negativity**

When negativity starts in a program, it is hard to contain.  Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but when comments made start to affect players on the team, then the negativity has shifted from off the court, to on the court.  Once negativity is initiated, it is impossible for coaches to get the players best efforts.

As coaches, we understand you want what is best for your child.  Basketball is a team sport and the team will come before individuals.  *Pre-game, halftime and post-game speeches are not meant to be taken personally or as verbal attacks.  If you are incapable of taking constructive criticism, do not sign up for basketball.*

**Parental Agreement**

***COACHES WILL NOT******discuss playing time with parents, guardians, etc***. If you have any concerns regarding a player’s personal well-being or mental health please arrange an appointment to discuss it with coaches, their personal well-being is our top priority. Parents/Guardians- You are also responsible for being a positive influence. We ask that you try to refrain from any derogatory messages/statements directed to the team, players, coaches, or opponents verbally or on any form of social media.

Coaches will enforce a 24-Hour Cool Down Rule after all games before a player or parent can directly contact any coach if they have any issues related to that game.  If a player/parent wishes to talk to a coach regarding a game, they can do so after the 24 hour cool down period. .  This allows for a more rational discussion and the ability to find a better solution.

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Player Signature Parents Signature

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Coaches Signature