

# ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

***Yakima Valley Sports Authority and AAU have a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for fighting, bullying, acts of aggression towards another, racial slurs, and discrimination by coaches, athletes, parents or spectators.***

Coaches, athletes, parents and spectators are advised that any act of aggression will be met with severe consequences for team and club. Please know and understand that formal criminal charges will be pursued. In addition, the team will be suspended from any Yakima Valley Sports Authority/AAU competition both state and national indefinitely at Yakima Valley Sports Authority/AAU's discretion.

It is the coaches responsibility to maintain their teams sportsmanship. We suggest you print this policy and distribute it to your parents and athlete's. This includes state and national competition, fighting will not be tolerated

## **SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR**

Yakima Valley Sports Authority requires that all parents and spectators maintain good sportsmanship throughout the course of the event. We promote a great youth sports atmosphere, and we encourage everyone to cheer and get loud and support their son or daughters' team. But do not let it get out of control. As an adult, please set a good example for all the children at this great event. If you are asked to leave the event, your son or daughter may be asked to leave with you. Your team may also forfeit the game. If a fight breaks out, the tournament supervisor will clear the court of all spectators if deemed necessary and no refunds will be given.

**Yakima Valley Sports Authority will not tolerate any of the following:**

- Cursing by any parents
- Yelling at game officials regarding calls
- Yelling or arguing with fans of the opposing team
- Any negative or derogatory comments towards opposing players

## **MISBEHAVIOR / EJECTIONS**

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Athletes ejected for fighting are ineligible to participate in the team's next game.  
Additional penalties may be imposed
3. If a coach or athlete is ejected from a game for **unsportsmanlike behavior** (not fighting), he/she will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game
4. If a coach or athlete is ejected a second time, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament
5. Coaches or athletes who leave the bench area to engage coaches, athletes or officials on the playing floor, they may be suspended by Tournament Director for any period up to the duration of the tournament.
6. The Tournament Director may impose suspensions or other penalties for misbehavior which occur at any time and at any location during the event.
7. Coaches and athletes who engage in misbehavior may be subject to additional disciplinary action from the AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball National Infractions Committee. Penalties may include suspension from future AAU events.
8. The Tournament Director has the final say on all suspensions