

# Elevated Hoops Coaching Guidelines

## 1. Program Overview

Elevated Hoops was founded on the belief that basketball is more than a game. It is a platform to teach discipline, teamwork, and leadership. Coaches play a critical role in shaping the experience for every player and family. Our coaching philosophy is built on Family, Fundamentals, and Fun — creating an environment that develops players both on and off the court.

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## 2. Coaching Philosophy

Coaches are mentors, teachers, and role models. The focus should always be on player development, not just wins and losses. Every player deserves attention, encouragement, and the opportunity to improve. Our goal is to help kids fall in love with the game while learning the right way to play it.

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## 3. Core Coaching Principles

Each Elevated Hoops coach agrees to uphold the following principles:

- **Teach the Fundamentals:** Prioritize skill development, basketball IQ, and proper technique.
  - **Promote Teamwork:** Reinforce that success comes from unity, effort, and trust.
  - **Communicate Positively:** Use encouragement and clear instruction to build confidence.
  - **Model Respect:** Show respect for players, referees, parents, and opponents at all times.
  - **Emphasize Effort and Growth:** Reward hard work and improvement as much as performance.
  - **Create a Safe Environment:** Ensure all drills, scrimmages, and activities are supervised and age-appropriate.
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## 4. Practice Expectations

Practices are where development happens. Coaches are expected to:

- Arrive early and prepared with a structured plan.
  - Begin every session with warmups and fundamental drills.
  - Maintain high energy and engagement throughout practice.
  - Balance individual skill work, team concepts, and competitive play.
  - End with a team huddle that reinforces lessons, effort, and teamwork.
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## 5. Game Expectations

Coaches represent Elevated Hoops during competition. Expectations include:

- Display professionalism and composure at all times.
  - Focus on teaching moments, not just outcomes.
  - Manage playing time fairly, rewarding effort, attitude, and attendance.
  - Support referees' decisions respectfully, setting the tone for players and parents.  
Reinforce sportsmanship regardless of the score.
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## 6. Communication

Strong communication builds trust and consistency. Coaches agree to:

- Keep open communication with parents while maintaining professional boundaries.
  - Inform players and parents of any changes in advance.
  - Communicate concerns privately and respectfully.
  - Be available for player feedback and mentorship outside of games.
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## 7. Attendance & Commitment

Coaches are expected to lead by example in commitment and reliability.

- Be punctual for all practices, games, and team events.
  - Notify program leadership immediately if unable to attend.  
Hold players accountable to the same standard of attendance and effort.
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## 8. Player Development

Each coach is responsible for helping players improve physically, mentally, and emotionally.

- Provide individualized feedback and achievable goals.
  - Rotate drills to challenge players and keep practices engaging.
  - Encourage leadership, responsibility, and teamwork among players.
  - Support multi-sport participation when possible to promote balanced growth.
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## **9. Conduct & Representation**

As a coach, you represent Elevated Hoops at every event, practice, and tournament.

- Maintain professionalism in all interactions.
  - Avoid arguments, profanity, or public criticism.
  - Dress appropriately and maintain a clean, team-oriented appearance.
  - Lead by example in humility, integrity, and sportsmanship.
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## **10. Safety & Player Welfare**

The safety of every player is the highest priority.

- Supervise all drills and games to prevent injuries.
  - Ensure proper hydration and rest for players.
  - Report any injuries, misconduct, or safety concerns to program leadership immediately.
  - Never engage in inappropriate or unsupervised one-on-one interactions with players.
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## **11. Media & Social Media**

Coaches are trusted representatives of the Elevated Hoops brand.

- Post responsibly and professionally on social media.
  - Do not share player photos, videos, or private team matters without approval.
  - Encourage positive online representation of the team and its players.
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## **12. Acknowledgment & Signature**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to follow all Elevated Hoops Coaching Guidelines. I understand that my role is to develop players, model positive behavior, and uphold the mission and values of Elevated Hoops.

**Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_