

## **CODE OF CONDUCT MICHIGAN GIRLS AAU BASKETBALL**

The following document is in effect for all Association Qualifying Tournaments (AQT), also referred to as State Championships.

It is expected that all participants in Michigan AAU Girls' Basketball will conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion. Players are expected to play the game without engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior. Coaches are expected to provide positive role models for the young ladies involved in the Michigan Girls AAU Basketball program, and parents are expected to be supportive and to behave in a positive manner. In the rare instances where this does not happen, there need to be consequences.

The officials are the ones in charge of the game. Officials are trained to give warnings of inappropriate behavior but it is not required. They have the authority to remove players from the game, to remove coaches from the building, and if necessary they can clear the gym of all spectators. They have the authority to cause the game to be forfeited if players, coaches, or spectators fail to follow instructions.

The host of any sanctioned AAU event has the responsibility to enforce the following and to report any violations to the Chairman. The host shall be accurate in reporting names of people involved and the clubs they represent.

If a coach gets ejected from a game by an official (even at a friendship game)), he/she must leave the building and may not coach or be in attendance at the first game in the AQT. If he/she is tossed a second time during the same AAU season, he/she will be barred from further AAU activity until he/she has appeared before the Ethics Committee.

Any player who gets ejected from a game will remain on the bench for the duration of the game. She will be barred from participating in the first game of the AQT but will dress and sit on the bench. A second ejection during the AAU season will result in being ineligible to participate in the AQT or if the AQT has begun, the remaining games of the event. The player would be required to appear before the Ethics Committee before she is allowed to participate again in AAU.

Any parent, player, or coach, after being warned by a tournament official, continuing to verbally or physically abuse an official/referee at any sanctioned AAU event (friendship or otherwise) will be ejected from the event and not be allowed to participate in the first game of the AQT, or if the AQT has begun, the remaining games of the event. Players and coaches will be required to appear before the Ethics Committee prior to continued participation in AAU. Club Organizers and coaches are responsible for controlling parents.

Any parent stepping on the court to argue with officials will be ejected from the event and may be barred from the AQT altogether, along with his /her daughter. An appearance before the Ethics Committee of both parent(s) and daughter would be required before the daughter would be allowed to participate in AAU again.

Any unsportsmanlike like conduct will result in the guilty parties being barred from the AQT. The tournament host will meet immediately with involved participants to determine responsibility. The guilty participants will be identified and removed from the AQT.

The tournament host has the authority and the responsibility to enforce these rules. There will be no appeal of any ejections by the host. Additionally, there will be no refund issued to anyone – meaning a representative of the team (i.e. parent, fan, coach, manager or statistician) who violates this Code of Conduct.