

## **Spectator Code of Conduct & Event Safety Policy**

### **Purpose**

Our mission is to provide a safe, respectful, and positive environment for athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. Youth sports should develop character, not conflict.

By entering any event hosted by **Halftime Sports and/or U.S. Basketball Games**, all spectators agree to abide by the following policies.

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### **Zero Tolerance Behaviors**

The following actions may result in **immediate removal** from the facility without refund:

#### **1. Abuse or Harassment**

- Profanity, obscene gestures, or offensive language.
- Threatening, intimidating, or harassing behavior.
- Verbal abuse toward players, coaches, officials, or staff.

#### **2. Referee Interaction**

- Addressing, arguing with, or confronting referees.
- Approaching officials before, during, or after games.
- Questioning calls from the stands.

**Only coaches can communicate with officials.**

#### **3. Physical Confrontation**

- Fighting or attempting to fight.
- Entering the court of play during a dispute.
- Throwing objects or making physical threats.

#### **4. Alcohol, Drugs, or Weapons**

- Possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances.
- Possession of weapons of any kind.
- Law enforcement will be contacted when appropriate.

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#### **Behavioral Expectations**

Spectators are expected to:

- Support all athletes positively.
- Respect officials and event staff.
- Remain in designated seating areas.
- Follow all facility and tournament rules.
- Leave the facility immediately when instructed by staff.

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#### **Coach & Team Responsibility**

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players **and spectators**.

Failure to control spectator behavior may result in:

- Technical fouls.
  - Game forfeits.
  - Team suspension from future events.
  - Removed from the facility and property
  - Law enforcement involvement.
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## **Referee Protection Policy**

Officials are protected under a **zero-engagement rule**:

- Any spectator interaction with a referee may result in immediate removal.
- Games may be stopped if officials feel unsafe.
- Abuse of referees may lead to organization-wide bans.
- Game can be forfeited with entry/admission refunds

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## **Staff Authority**

Tournament staff, security, and facility personnel have full authority to:

- Issue warnings.
- Remove individuals.
- Suspend or cancel games for safety.

All decisions are final.

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## **Entry Agreement**

By purchasing a ticket or entering the facility, all spectators agree to:

- Follow this policy.
  - Accept all enforcement actions.
  - Waive the right to refunds if removed.
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## **Our Commitment**

We commit to:

- Enforcing these policies consistently.
- Supporting referees and staff.
- **Prioritizing athlete safety over all else.**