



Respect the Game Guidelines

For all leagues and tournaments, Open Gym Premier will enforce standards of sportsmanship consistent with the *Respect the Game* principles of the NBA. Open Gym Premier officials will recognize and address these principles through the use of an appropriate warning and/or immediate technical foul. The following **five behaviors** displayed by players and coaches warranting such actions are as follows:

1. Comments that undermine the integrity of an official.
2. Profanity usage.
3. Demonstrative acts in resentment to a call or no call. This includes, but is not limited to, waving the arms, inappropriate gesturing, or clapping at an official.
4. Continuous or continual complaining/criticism directed to or about an official.
5. Excessive inquires.

Restatement: Players and coaches can react to calls with which they disagree, provided the reaction is not overly demonstrative, disrespectful, or prolonged. Heat of the moment reactions by players that are not demonstrative and dissolve quickly are **not** to be penalized with a technical foul.

Making physical contact with an official is subject to immediate ejection and further discipline by the league/ tournament director.

Assistant Coaches Standard of Conduct

No assistant coach may direct comments to an official during live and/or dead ball play. An exception at times, is that during a time-out, he may ask an official for a rule interpretation. Technical fouls are to be assessed if an Assistant Coach's behavior does not comply with this directive. If assistant coaches are given defensive or offensive responsibilities which necessitate their standing up at times, this is now and always has been permissible, so long as they return to their seats within a reasonable period of time.

Parent/Fan Standard of Conduct

Similar to assistant coaches, parents may ask an official for a rule interpretation before or after the game, if the officials make themselves available for such interaction at the scorer's table. If after a game, the officials refuse to talk to parents or fans, or if they remain at center court, they have the right to be left alone. During a game, parents and fans can react to calls with which they disagree, provided that their reaction does not include the use of profanity or personal attacks against a referee's judgment or integrity, nor it be deemed against the principles of appropriate sportsmanship that Open Gym Premier imposes on its players and coaches. Under no circumstances are parents/fans allowed to approach a referee or the scorekeeper *during the game*.

In the case of a overtly disrespectful fan, a warning may be issued to the corresponding coaching staff in attempts to give them every opportunity to address the situation. The officials are then directed to instruct a site director/ Open Gym staff member to help eject the fan if they continue to be a distraction.