



## Aggieland Homeschool Basketball Coach's Pledge

*I will:*

1. Provide an honorable testimony as a member of the Aggieland Homeschool Basketball program, whether on the court or off.
2. Strive to develop each child's God-given gifts in character, academics, and athletic skill.
3. Honor those in authority, including umpires or referees, by accepting their decisions without sarcasm, grumbling, or inappropriate gesturing. When I disagree with a call I will exemplify a Christ-like attitude and manner in my questioning and conversations with the referees.
4. Not speak negatively or use social media to disparage my players, the other team's coach, players, or fans. Not use the referees' or other team coaches' and players' conduct as an excuse for losing the game.
5. Support the basketball program philosophy, code of conduct, and dress code by encouraging my players to follow them and by following them myself.
6. Direct parents to the written complaint policy when a parent or player has a complaint about either the program as a whole or myself as a coach.
7. Encourage parents and players to follow their respective pledges. I will verbally address parents and players who fail to adhere to what they agreed to follow.
8. Not verbally demoralize players in games or in practices.
9. Do my best to provide playing time for every player when possible. When this is not possible, I will state my expectations and reasoning to the player and parents, preferably prior to the start of the basketball game. At the beginning of the season and periodically through the season, I will state clearly the playing time expectation to the player and with parents when appropriate.
10. Give equal opportunity to every player to learn and develop basketball skills. It is up to the player to take advantage of that opportunity.
11. Understand that the team that I am coaching is part of a larger program and will adhere to the direction of the officers and the basketball philosophies of that program.

*I will do my best to adhere to this pledge. I understand that I may fail and will accept correction as appropriate and strive to make adjustments as warranted. I will support this coach's pledge by reminding others and myself of what I have agreed to do.*

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