

TOSA EAST GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

1. **Family comes first.** Talk with your coach when conflicts arise between basketball and family obligations.
2. **School comes second.** Your grades and required classroom activities come before basketball. There is a difference between extra-curricular activities and *required* classroom activities. Things that affect your grades must be the focus here. Do homework and study when you should (not at the last minute) and school will rarely conflict with basketball. Whenever possible we expect a player to schedule meetings with teachers or other school professionals so as not to conflict with basketball practice, games, or other basketball requirements.
3. **Extra-Curricular Activities.** At Tosa East we have traditionally had players that are successful in the classroom and very involved in many valuable things outside of the classroom. However, to build an extraordinary team we need players to make an extra ordinary commitment to basketball. Thus, involvement in an extra-curricular activity is not an automatically acceptable reason to be late to practice or miss a game. Check with coach in advance when there are conflicts of this nature.
4. **ALL PRACTICES ARE REQUIRED.** We know there may be occasions when you have to miss (family events like weddings, religious observances, or other things your parents believe are mandatory for your attendance). We also understand people get sick. We should all also understand that there are those occasions when we feel kind of sick, but can push through. When there is an occasion that a player must miss the parent/guardian is expected to contact the coach in advance of practice. When this is done the absence may be excused.

UNEXCUSED LATE TO PRACTICE.

- 1ST unexcused late will be taken care of at practice
- 2nd unexcused late to practice will be treated as an unexcused *absence* from practice

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM PRACTICE

- 1ST unexcused absence from practice will result in the player sitting out the next game
- 2nd unexcused absence from practice may result in dismissal from the team. A meeting with the player, parent/guardian, and athletic department representative will occur to determine the final outcome. The player will be suspended from game and practice participation until the determination of the final outcome results from this meeting.

MISSED PRACTICE DAY BEFORE A GAME.

- Generally speaking, if a player is too ill to practice the day before a game they are usually too ill to contribute effectively at the game the next night. Thus, when a player misses a practice the day before a game there will usually be a playing time consequence.

5. **Missing Games.** Given the fact that there may be situations in which a player chooses to miss a game because of activities NOT academically *required* (band trips, family vacations, class field trips, etc) there will be a playing time consequence. While each situation is may be unique, the general rule is if a player misses one they sit one.
6. **Athletic Code.** Code violations will be dealt with as prescribed in the document produced by the Athletic Department. This document will be made available for review and discussion at the pre-season parent meeting.
7. **Attitude.** Players will be constantly evaluated on their demonstration of coachability, hustle, mental and physical toughness, and understanding of on-court schemes and expectations. LOYALTY TO THE TEAM, UNSELFISHNESS, and the desire to improve the performance of the team are central to the decisions of coaches regarding playing time. Our goal is to field teams that care more about the team than themselves and ask more of themselves than even the coaches might ask.

We know that being a part of this is demanding and requires sacrifice from the player AND families involved. We believe that the life lessons associated with these sacrifices and priority setting are the ultimate value of participation in Tosa East Girls Basketball. We also believe that by following these guidelines Tosa East Girls Basketball will consistently field competitive, unified teams that will continue the tradition of excellence associated with Wauwatosa East sports.

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Player Signature _____ Date _____

Player Printed Name _____

My daughter has shared these expectations with me and I agree to support her in this endeavor and the enforcement of these expectations. At all times I will be an example of good sportsmanship and work to make my child's experience a positive one.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Printed Name: _____