

Southwest Bible Church Men's Basketball Code of Conduct

General Expectations for Christ's Followers in the League

God is transforming His followers into the image of Christ. By God's grace and power, they become more like Jesus. His commands involve not just outward behavior, but also the thoughts and motives of their minds and hearts. We can use this abbreviated list from Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica as an exhortation toward how God would want to lead, strengthen, and teach his followers. The leadership of Southwest Bible Church expects each of Jesus's followers to both have such capacities and also to seek to live in/with them.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (Abbreviated):

- 12 Respect those who...are over you in the Lord....
- 13 Live in peace with each other....
- 14 Warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.
- 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong...always try to be kind....
- 16 Be joyful always;
- 17 Pray continually;
- 18 Give thanks in all circumstances...
- 22 Avoid every kind of evil.

Even though this list of ways someone might conduct themselves is from a trustworthy, overarching principle for how Christians can be expected to typically live, its values are also the values of our league in general.

Particular Required Code of Conduct for both Christians and non-Christians of the league:

Refusal to pursue the following "Code of Conduct" may result in removal from participation in the league for a game, or several, or the rest of a season. Significant enough violation may result in a permanent ban from the league.

- I will make sure I read the rules provided and abide by those rules.
- I realize that confrontations, aggressive yelling, targeted profanity, and egregious anger are strictly prohibited. If any sort of conflict along those lines arises, I will not confront the situation, but rather, remove myself from the situation immediately, even if that means leaving the game and perhaps the building.
- I realize that I have placed myself under the authority of all referees and league staff.

- I realize that this league is based on High School federation rules with some variations for recreational play.
- I assume responsibility for my actions/words/behavior.
- I realize that the referees have a duty to give technical fouls for infractions of certain rules.
- I understand it is our team's responsibility to make sure all our players are non-violent, recreational players, and further understand that we, as a team, can be held accountable for any of our players' actions.