

AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND RULES FOR 2011

PLAYER RULES

- Academics – Unsatisfactory grades will result in ineligibility.
 - The policy in the AJHS Handbook for eligibility will be used. The “3 strikes” policy will be enforced as well. (See attached sheet)
 - Failing 1 class – Player must finish homework for the failing class before participating in practice until grade is passing.
 - Failing 2 or more – Player will not participate in any practices until only failing a minimum of 1 class. Player then can practice once homework for failing class is completed that day.
 - No player on the failing list will travel to away games. Player may attend home games but will sit behind the team on the stage and be dressed in proper dress attire.

- Attendance – It’s is important to attend school and practice everyday.
 - The policy in the AJHS Handbook or attendance will be enforced.
 - To be early, is to be on time. To be on time, is to be late. To be late is to be forgotten.
 - Being on time is being at least 10 minutes early.
 - If for some reason a player is late or misses practice, they need a note or pass when they return. (Doctor, teacher, parent, etc)
 - Not bringing a note or pass will mean that the absence is unexcused
 - 3 unexcused absences may result in being dismissed from the team.
 - Playing time is earned at practice. Missing practice means less playing time in games.

- Fees, Forms and Physical
 - Fees – Participation fee is \$65.
 - Fee must be paid prior to first game to play.
 - Forms – Release and Hold Harmless Agreement
 - Form must be turned it prior to first game. If form is not turned in, the player may not ride home from away games with anyone but parents. Players may only ride home from games with parents or those listed on agreement form.
 - Physical – Sports Physical
 - Players must have a physical completed and turned in to school before they are allowed to participate in practice and games.
 - The school should already have physicals for those who played Jr. Tackle Football this year.

- Player Behavior
 - Attitude – Positive attitudes are a must. Negativity will not be tolerated.
 - Encouragement – We will encourage each other each and everyday. Putting down teammates will not be tolerated.
 - Pride – We will take pride in having the opportunity of representing Amboy Junior High and the City of Amboy.
 - Respect – We will respect our teammates, coaches, opponents, our fans, the referees, our school and other schools.
 - Sportsmanship – We will play every game with class. We will not get chippy with other players or fans. We will not question a referee's call. We will not behave in a manor that gives our team a negative image.
 - Players that receive a technical or flagrant foul may be removed from the current game and not return and may also be required to miss the following game as well. Mouthing back to an official or fouling another player with the intent to hurt or injure will not be tolerated.

- Game Attendance
 - All players will attend every game unless they are ineligible. Nights when there are one 7th grade game and one 8th grade differ than nights when there is an A/B game.
 - 7th & 8th Grade nights – We want to show support for the 8th grade team, so the 7th grade players will be required to stay for the 1st half of the 8th grade game. The 2nd half is optional.
 - A/B game nights – If there are enough players that some are not required to dress for B games then they won't. They will be required to stay for the whole B game though. They must sit behind the bench and support their teammates.
 - If for some reason a player cannot stay I must be notified ahead of time.

- Dress Code
 - Practice Attire
 - Practice Jersey – Must have for every practice
 - Shorts – Any mesh shorts are fine
 - Basketball Shoes – Any pair are fine – High top shoes are preferred for the best ankle support – color doesn't matter but keep in mind school colors are white and blue.
 - Socks – NO ANKLE SOCKS – Socks must be WHITE – Socks that go just below the calf or higher are acceptable.
 - No headbands or wristbands – Nothing individual – No jewelry is to be worn for the safety of the players
 - Game Day Attire – Whether we play at home or away we will represent Amboy Junior High and the City of Amboy. Therefore we will dress the part in properly representing our school and city.
 - All players will be required to wear a collared shirt or sweater, dress pants and dress shoes. A polo shirt with khakis and dress shoes are acceptable. T-shirts, jeans and tennis shoes are not acceptable.
 - If players want they may wear a shirt and tie.
 - Game Attire
 - Each game requires the proper uniform, basketball shoes and proper socks. If a player wants to wear a shirt or cut off under their uniform it must match the color of the uniform.
 - Home colors are white uniforms and away colors are blue uniforms.
 - Same socks for practice are required for games. NO ANKLE SOCKS.
 - Post Game Attire – Players must change back into the same attire that was worn to school and to the game. (Collared shirt, dress pants and dress shoes)

- Parents Rules
 - Practice Attendance
 - Open Practice – I know some parents like to attend practice to watch and learn and I welcome them in. If at some point it becomes too much of a distraction to the players, I will have to close practice to anyone other than team personnel.
 - If parents do want to take advantage of open practice they understand that they are only there to watch and learn. They are not there to assist in coaching unless asked by the coach personally.
 - Questions – If parents have any questions about practices or drills or plays; they may ask but after practice is over.
 - Game Attendance
 - Having a child on the team also means that you are part of the team. With every game you attend you represent the team, the school and community as well as your child and family. We are more than happy to have you attend all games but we do expect you to be well behaved and act in a manner that we feel is appropriate. We want to create and keep an atmosphere that is fun for the players as well as the fans. Here are some guidelines:
 - Cheer for the team as a whole as well as your child. We believe that no individual is better than the team. We put the team above ourselves. We play as one team and we succeed with this philosophy.
 - Please don't shout advice from the stands. If you must shout, shout words of encouragement. Though your tips may be helpful, they may conflict with our instructions.
 - There may be times when a referee misses a call or makes a call you don't agree with. Please don't shout at or harass the officials. It's embarrassing to your child and to the fans around you when. If the call is questionable the coaching staff will get an explanation from the officials.
 - There will be no yelling or taunting of the other teams players. You're adults act like it. You wouldn't want someone else doing that to your child, so don't do it to someone else's child.
 - If there are any issues at anytime during the basketball season with these guidelines that I have mentioned; we and/or the school will punish those guilty however we see fit.
 - If you as parents can help by keeping our fan section positive, encouraging and respectful then our season will be a major success.

If our players and parents can follow the rules and guidelines of the coaching staff and the policies in our AJHS Handbook then our season will be on the right track to being a successful one.

As well as teaching the fundamentals of basketball our goal is to instill character, discipline and a work ethic needed to be successful on and off the court.

We look forward to a fun and successful season.

Coach Luke Payne – 7th grade

By signing below, both player and parent agree to follow the Team Rules and Guidelines previously stated. Also by signing, player and parent understand the policies in the AJHS Handbook for one to be eligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

There will be a meeting after practice on October 6th for parents and players for me to discuss the team rules and guidelines, AJHS Handbook Policies and questions regarding forms and fees.

I encourage at least one parent to attend so that there will not be any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of any of the Team Rules and Guidelines, AJHS Handbook Policies and the forms and fees that need to be turned in.