



## Team Toledo Parent-Player Commitment Contract

### Team Toledo Mission Statement

The Toledo Basketball is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Toledo Corporation Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and USSA member organization who supports and promotes competitive basketball. Our organization is committed to developing student-athletes between the ages of 8-17 to become successful basketball players at the High School and NCAA College Divisions I, II, III and NAIA levels. By developing youth to be successful in competitive basketball at a high level also prepares them for success in life after basketball. The lessons taught in preparing and competing at a very high level of competitive basketball are the primary tools in developing inner city and suburban youth for success in life. These lessons include leadership, self-discipline, respect (self & others), accountability (self & others), hard work and community service.

I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ want to play for Team Toledo this season.  
(Full Name) (Date)

### Player Commitment & Contract

In exchange for the privilege of being on the team, I promise to do the following:

1. Attend practice on time every day or notify the coaches (ahead of time if possible) why I am unable to attend. One unexcused absence – sit out a game. Two unexcused absences – sit out an entire tournament. Three unexcused absences – will result in dismissal from the team. The student athletes that live out of town and unable to attend all practices as a result will be handled at the discretion of the Team Toledo coaching staff.
2. Focus on what the team is doing and try to use the practice time to improve my skills and my physical abilities. Those that put little or no effort into practices AND on their own time will get little or not playing time.
3. Treat everyone involved with our team with respect and love. This includes coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and fans of both teams.
4. Go to the coaches first if I have a problem related to the team. I will not complain to others until I have given the person I have a problem with an opportunity to correct it.
5. Work hard to develop good habits by practicing with good form and maximum effort. The habits we develop in practice are the habits that will determine how we play in the games.
6. Practice good health habits including getting 8 hours sleep when possible, eating breakfast, eating healthy foods, abstaining from alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, excessive pop or soda.
7. Attend school and all classes every day. I will attend all day unless excused by the administration to be eligible to play or practice that day.
8. Maintain the best GPA possible. All my grades will be 'C' or above. Preferably, I will maintain a 3.0+ GPA. I understand that my grades, attendance, and discipline reports will be monitored continuously while I am a player for Team Toledo.
9. Missing a Team Toledo practice or game because of my participation in another athletic event is an acceptable reason to miss a Team Toledo event ONLY IF I share the other team and its schedule I am on prior to the season, so Team Toledo staff can plan accordingly. I understand that attendance will be kept by all Team Toledo coaches. Unexcused absences or tardiness will be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Team Toledo staff.

### Parent Commitment & Contract

As a parent of the above named player, I promise to do the following:

1. Influence and support my child to abide by the contract he signed and committed to follow.
2. Be an example of good sportsmanship at games by making only positive comments about the players, keeping criticism of the officiating to a minimum of volume and frequency, and treating fans of our opponents with respect.
3. Cooperate in helping with car pooling to games and practices. Make all players riding in my vehicle wear their seatbelts.
4. I understand that playing time is at the sole discretion of the coach.
5. Contact the coaches first if I have a complaint.

6. I will not gossip, or talk about other players or parents. If I have a complaint I will contact the coach or the person involved, directly.
7. I will entrust the Team Toledo coaching staffing to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. I will not attempt to coach my son during practices or games.
8. I understand the following three topics are not to be discussed with the Team Toledo coaching staff at any point during the season: a) playing time, b) game strategy, c) critiquing other Team Toledo players.

**Coaches Commitment**

We, the coaches, promise to do the following:

1. Treat each player with respect, while at the same time having high expectations of them to push themselves.
2. Give each player who pays attention and tries hard approximately equal practice time in scrimmages and drills. Those who do not apply their maximum effort or don't pay attention will be replaced in scrimmages or drills.
3. Attempt to play each player in every game. In close games, the playing time may be less or not at all.
4. Be examples of good sportsmanship and character.
5. Teach your child the skills to become the best player he can be. This includes skills needed to succeed in life, such as respect for others, a good work ethic, and self-discipline.
6. Listen to any complaints parents or players may have and respond fairly with respect.

**Coaches, Players & Parents**

1. School Comes First. Grades and class work come before basketball. We are not talking about extra-curricular activities. We are referring to circumstances that will affect your grades. Do your homework when you should and PRIOR to practice or games. Don't wait until the last minute to do your homework or study for tests. Follow these rules and the school will rarely interfere with your basketball.
2. All practices are required. We know that circumstances will arise when you must miss a practice, (vacation, illness, school event or church event). When this occurs the player is to A) inform the coach in advance, or B) bring a note signed by a parent stating the circumstances of why practice was missed. When "A" or "B" are completed the absence MAY or MAY NOT be excused. The first unexcused TARDY will be handled at practice. The second unexcused tardy will be treated as an unexcused absence. Being grounded by your parents will be treated as an unexcused absence (just don't do anything to get grounded).
3. All players are to treat teammates and coaches with respect and courtesy. Behavior that "puts other players and coaches down," includes profanity, or demonstrates lack of self control/respect will not be tolerated.
4. We know that being part of this demanding basketball experience will require sacrifices, adjustments, and extraordinary commitment on the part of the players, their families, and the coaches. However, we are working to achieve an extraordinary team/organization and individual success. This requires extraordinary effort on all our parts. In return, we have an opportunity to create a positive experience that could affect all of our lives forever.
5. Players will be continuously evaluated on their demonstration of coach-ability, hustle, mental and physical toughness, loyalty to the team, unselfishness, and the desire to improve their skills. Our goal is to field a team of players that consistently demand more of themselves, than is demanded by the coaches.
6. In EVERY game situation, OUR TEAM WILL PLAY TO WIN. Game substitutions will be made with that solely in mind. However, there will be situations where a player may be pulled from a game, despite their ability to contribute.
7. The members of this team ARE EXPECTED TO WORK HARDER and with discipline, hustle, enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication THAN ANY OTHER TEAM IN THIS REGION. This is not a goal, THIS IS AN EXPECTATION!
8. You understand that, if selected, you are working to become a better basketball player who might be recognized for your performance on the court. You are NOT participating in a fashion show. In games, you will wear your Team Toledo uniform and only your Team Toledo Uniform (this means jewelry, other non-approved accessories, etc, will not be permitted). Your socks will be of the same color and worn at height that is visible above the shoe. The purpose of this to prevent ankle injury. Shorts will be worn at the waistline.

Appropriate practice uniforms and gear is expected to be brought and worn at all practices. Both game uniforms and ALL issued individual equipment are to be brought and worn at all practices. I understand that if I make this team, I will agree to abide by these expectations described on this sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed