

The leadership of the Interfaith Basketball League is excited about the upcoming season. The IFBL has been servicing athletes in Charlotte for years. The purpose of our recreation league is to provide a recreational, faith based, fun and athletic outlet for over 140 teams and 1,400 boys and girls from 2nd Grade through 12th Grade.

One of our goals is to provide a positive experience and safe environment for athletes. Therefore, adults, coaches, and staff should maintain professionalism and avoid any appearance of impropriety in their relationships with athletes. Coaches, in particular, should recognize the influence, power, and position of trust they have with these athletes and should use this only in the athlete's best interest. Any incident regarding misconduct should be reported promptly to the appropriate authorities.

To get started on the right track for this season we welcome all to attend IFBL games played throughout the city and county. We invite you to come and cheer for your team, son and daughter in a positive way. If we all can remember that the focus is faith based, to have fun, teach skills and enjoy basketball. Let's make this a positive, uplifting experience for all involved.

Please do not come to the games with a mindset to question referees, coaches, scorekeepers, gym monitor and game decisions. This basketball program needs helpers and volunteers to improve the experience for all athletes. If you see how the IFBL can be better please feel free to contact us to get involved. Unfortunately a few folks have come to games confused on the purpose of the league. They have been verbally abusive and threatening, so we would like to share with you the following rules.

Anyone who causes a disturbance at an IFBL game will be removed from the gym by the gym supervisor, and then the AD/Commissioner will be notified. If the disturbance is threatening towards the gym supervisor, score keepers, other fans, coaches and/or players, then that individual will not be allowed to attend any IFBL games/sponsored events for the remainder of the season. If an incident occurs during a tournament game, then that individual's suspension from games/events will carry over to the next season.

The IFBL would like to ask all participants to abide by the following points:

- **All children whom are brought to watch the games need to be supervised at all times.**
- **Unless authorized no one is allowed to use gym equipment, rooms, stages or be running/playing in the hallways during games/events.**
- **All involved are expected to show sportsmanship at all times.**
- **No one is allowed to approach, taunt or speak to anyone at the scores table during the game.**
- **All need to refrain from foul language, slurs and threats at all times.**

**Sincerely,
Charlotte IFBL Board**