



## 2024 Southwest Salsa Slam Basketball Invitational – Code of Conduct

### FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS, COACHES and PLAYERES

Youth Basketball - It's Simple: teach children the game of basketball while practicing good sportsmanship! Children's sports are supposed to be fun and for children. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children and their future behavior on and off the court. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. The code of conduct for SW Salsa Slam Tournament has been developed in conjunction with the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation (NYSSF).

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#### Code of Conduct:

1. Spectators and coaches will be a positive role model for children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and all SW Salsa Slam staff.
2. Teams and spectators should demonstrate good sportsmanship! Players, coaches, and spectator comments should not be derogatory or demeaning towards opposing teams/players/coaches/refs or SW Salsa Slam staff.
3. Spectators, coaches, and players will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or spectator such as taunting, mouthing off, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
4. Spectators, coaches, and players will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
5. No fighting is allowed. If a spectator, player, and/or coach is involved in a fight or a threat of a fight, they will automatically be ejected from the remainder of the tournament and will not be allowed back into the facility.
6. **Each team's coach is held responsible for the conduct of their fans/spectators/team participants.** If a fan, parent, or player is removed from the gym and refuses to leave, it's up to the coach of the team to assist in removing them. If the fan/spectator/team participant still will not leave, the team of that individual will be at risk of a forfeit. If the fan still will not leave, then the local police/school police will be called, and they WILL BE REMOVED.

7. SW Salsa Slam staff has the authority to refuse entry to any spectator or fan for any violation of the code of conduct.
8. If spectators, players, and/or coaches fail to abide by the code of conduct, they will be subject to disciplinary action as decided by the SW Salsa Slam staff. Disciplinary action could include, but is not limited to: verbal warnings, ejections, and removal from the tournament and facility property for the entire weekend.
9. Officials, score keepers, and SW Salsa Slam staff have the authority to remove a player, coach, or spectator from a game and can declare the game a forfeit due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
10. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from a game in the SW Salsa Slam is suspended for a minimum of one (1) additional game at the SW Salsa Slam staff's discretion. The suspension could be for the entire tournament depending on the severity of the infraction.
11. Players, coaches, and spectators who have been ejected must leave the complex immediately and may not return until the completion of the game.
12. Spectators must remain on their side of the court (if assigned) away from the score table, players, and coaches during games.
13. Opposing coaches should not be talking to each other during the game.
14. Spectators or players are not permitted to approach the score table or referee at any time. Only the head or assistant coach has authority to speak with the score table or referee if there is a question or dispute.
15. The use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol during youth sports is prohibited at all SW Salsa Slam tournament facilities.

If you have any issue in our tournament, please find the SW Salsa Slam Gym Monitor assigned at your gym or speak to a SW Salsa Slam Staff member. It is expected that you will be respectful when interacting with all SW Salsa Slam staff.

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The **SW Salsa Slam** requires that good sportsmanship be followed on the court, on the sidelines and in the stands. We have **ZERO tolerance** for violations of our code of conduct from coaches, players, and fans.

We will remove you from the tournament.

Let's keep this weekend about the kids!