

# T&C Knights Basketball Behavior Policy

## To be kept at home for reference

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Nonparticipation or activity refusal in practice or game

Unexcused absence from practice or game

Academically ineligible (first week is exempt, per class)—this issue already carries the consequence of being out for a week. Subsequent weeks will also be given a foul.

Failure to dress out or repeated borrowing of clothes to participate

Use of electronics in practice without permission

### **Technical Fouls**

Physical altercation at practice or game

Extreme verbal or physical incident during game

Leaving practice, open gym, or a game without permission

Extreme disrespect to any one during practice or a game

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**I have read the T&C Knights Basketball Behavior Policy and will strive to not commit any “fouls”. I fully understand the consequences of negative actions as a member of the Town & Country Basketball program.**

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**Athlete Signature**

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**Parent Signature**