

Colorado Storm Players Contract

I, _____, want to play for the Colorado Storm Basketball team. In exchange for the privilege of being on the team, I promise to do the following:

1. Academics are important

- Your grades and class work come before basketball. If you are needing assistance, ask a coach, teammate, or parent for assistance. If you are not eligible for school activities, you are not eligible to play with Storm.

2. Attendance, be on time for practices and games

- Be properly dressed ready to practice. Expectation is to arrive 10 minutes prior to practices and 30 minutes prior to games (when possible). If you are going to miss a scheduled event, let a coach know 24-48 hours in advance using Team App (Game Changer) / Text / Phone (numbers below).
- Practice begins when you step on the floor. We will strive to develop good habits by practicing with good form and appropriate efforts. These efforts are reflected when playing competitive games.

3. Attitude

- Our goal is to field a team of players that will consistently demand more of themselves, than is demanded by the coaches. Be coachable, hustle, display mental toughness, focus on improving your skills, and enjoyment of the game.
- Behavior on and off the floor that reflects negativity on players, coaches, parents, and referees will not be tolerated (e.g. lack of control or profanity).
- Failure to follow these expectations will result in the player being removed immediately from team activities (game, practices, etc.); second occurrence will result in a suspension for one week; third occurrence can result in potential dismissal from the team.

4. As a team member, I will go to coaches or team member first if there is a problem related to the team.

- If engaged by a player or coach, listen with ears open and mouth closed to understand what is being communicated. Learning how to work through disagreements or personality issues will help everyone grow as a person and improve team unity.
- If you need space to calm down and compose yourself, tell a coach. We all have our own way of dealing with challenges.

5. Development

- Everybody is at different levels of experience, we improve by learning from mistakes.
- Playing time is a direct reflection of attitude, performance in practice, and games. You are competing every time you step on the court regardless of the situation or event.
- When you come out of a game, give every player on the bench a high five or fist bump. Your teammates are cheering when you are on the floor, give them the same respect.
- Hustle and Effort require zero talent, hustle on the floor and know your assignment, you will play.
- We have a 24-hour cooling off period for any non-safety concern related to a game situation, before speaking with a coach. Safety issues should be raised immediately.
- Players or Parents are not allowed to speak directly with referee's, work with a coach to express your concern.

I will agree to abide by these expectations described on this sheet.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Colorado Storm Coaches Contract

The coaches of the Colorado STORM will commit to doing the following:

1. Practices will consist only of STORM

- Drills, scrimmages, and games will pertain only to PLAYERS who are part of the team.

2. Practices and Scrimmages

- Players should spend more time in practices than games, Practices will be challenging and exciting to keep the player engaged.
- Not every drill will work to your strength, the drills are often to help with weaker areas. If a drill or directions are not clear, speak up and ask questions.
- Coaches will try to balance the breakout groups and teams for scrimmages to give both an equal opportunity to develop and work on their skills.

3. Leadership

- Coaches will seek input from players for goals, rules, and standards of the team.
- Coaches will maintain a consistent approach to the rules and standard of the team and game.
- Coaches will not engage in shortcuts or skirting the rules.
- Coaches will not look to run up the score nor embarrass opponents during competition.

4. Roles

- Coaches will clearly communicate the roles of the players (starters, reserve, and game finishers) to the players. These roles will change based upon the opponent and player preparedness.
- All players will make mistakes on the floor, if the same mistake is made, a substitution will occur for coaching and the player will get a chance to learn and grow. If repeated mistakes are made, coaches can make the decision to limit playing time.
- When playing in a regular season, coaches will focus on player development, growth and the bench rotation will be longer. When playing in a tournament, the in-game rotation will be based upon who gives the team the best chance to succeed. Know your role and do your job.
- Coaches will attempt to put players in roles and situations where success is possible. On occasion a coach will look to stretch a player's skill or position. If a player is not comfortable with this request, speak up.

5. Words of Wisdom

- Coaches will remind players improvement doesn't occur instantly, it takes practice and repeated motions to lock in the "muscle memory".
- Hard Work and success do not come overnight, what you do outside of practice/games have an impact
- Contact information if a player or parent wants to speak directly to a coach.
- No coach should be alone with a player at any time, if a coach pulls a player aside, respect the privacy between player and coach.

Coaches / Parent Sponsor Signatures

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