



Pickup the Ball  
Ride Policy

1. Rides are for Teammates only.
  - Rides are not for family members and friends.
  - Do not put the driver in the position of having to decline a ride to someone.
  - Potential members can be given rides to and from pickup games only, but they will be given paperwork, and if they do not become a teammate, they will no longer be given rides.
  
2. Rides are primarily intended to get you safely to and from the basketball court.
  - Rides can be provided as a backup for you if your way back and forth from work falls through.
  - Rides to and from school can be provided as a backup for you if your way back and forth falls through, or if you miss the bus.
  - Rides to school in the morning are not to become a regular substitute for catching the bus.
  - Pickups will be made at school on meeting days for those attending the meeting only.
  - Rides are not for convenience for you to just get from one place to another. We are not a taxi service.
  - Rides to pick something up or drop something off will not be made – nor will stops be made for that purpose.
  - Rides are a privilege, not a right.
  
3. Be ready
  - Do not keep the driver waiting. You may be one in a long line of people to be picked up, so even a wait of a few minutes can be problematic.
  - Be watching for the driver to arrive. Do not wait for a text message.
  - Do not request a ride unless you are ready to go.
  - The driver may leave if you are not ready to go when he arrives.
  
4. Treat the vehicle and the driver with respect
  - Take your trash when you get out.
  - Offer to help pump gas or wash windows.
  - Do not wear headphones if riding in the front passenger seat. The driver may want to talk.
  - Headphones worn in the back seats should adjust the volume so their music cannot be heard.
  - Music with obscenities or vulgarity may not be played in the vehicle at any time.
  - The ride may be an opportunity for the driver to spend time with you, get to know you better, find out what's going on in your life, and mentor you. Headphones and constant loud music are barriers to mentorship.



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Food Policy

1. Food is for Teammates only.
  - Food is not for family members and friends.
  - Do not put the mentor in the position of having to deny food to someone.
  - Potential members can be provided food to and from pickup games only, but they will be given paperwork, and if they do not become a teammate, they will no longer be provided food.
  
2. Food is primarily intended to get you to get you some food after playing basketball, when you can't do so yourself, and when you are in need.
  - Food is not intended to be a supplemental meal.
  - Food is not intended to be a way for you to eat and save money.
  - Food is not intended to be a daily meal for you.
  - Food is a privilege, not a right.
  
3. Respect the purpose of why food is provided
  - Food was first provided because it was discovered that many Teammates weren't getting food at home, and that food after playing at night was often their first meal of the day. It was also understood that those Teammates did not have money to get themselves food. Therefore:
    - If you're not hungry, don't eat.
    - If you have money, buy your own food.
  - Keep in mind that a meal may be an opportunity for your mentor to spend time with you, get to know you better, find out what's going on in your life, and mentor you. Keep this in mind when at the restaurant with your mentor.