

NORTHANTS BASKETBALL CLUB

website: www.northantsbasketballclub.net

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

1. Parents and carers who have children in the Northants Basketball Club Programme will be encouraged to adhere to the following principles:
2. Understand that a child's reason for playing sport may be different from yours. Try to talk to your child about their motive for playing sport.
3. Never force your child to play basketball if they don't want to.
4. Once your child has committed to the programme encourage them to attend on a regular basis. Emphasise the importance of making a commitment and keeping to it.
5. Introduce yourself to your child's coach and keep in touch with them. Ask how your child is progressing and see if there's anything you can do to help them.
6. Your child's coach is fully qualified so respect their opinion and avoid criticising them publicly or in front of other parents.
7. Encourage your child to learn the rules of basketball and play to those rules. In cases of doubt speak to your child's coach to clarify situations both for your child and yourself.
8. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their basketball.
9. Discourage unfair play, and cheating.
10. Never use bad or inappropriate language.
11. Discourage your child from arguing with officials or opponents. Publicly accept the decisions and the judgements of officials.
12. During games try to encourage the team rather than 'direct' what your child is doing on the court.
13. Recognise the importance of performance and improvement rather than just winning.
14. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of both your child's team and the opposition.
15. Never punish or belittle your child for losing or making a mistake. Never publicly criticise other players on your child's team.
16. When your child's team is playing 'away' from home recognise the importance of the team travelling together. Do not disrupt "team spirit" by asking to take your child directly to the venue. By all means travel to the venue to support your child's team in the spirit described above.
17. At all times try to help your child to have an enjoyable experience through the sport of basketball.

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