



Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Parental actions carry a great deal of weight with players. The attitude shown by parents toward their child, the opposing teams, the officials, and the coach influences the child's values and the behavior in sports. Criticism and disrespect for officials and the opponents by parents undermines the purpose of the sport and brings into the game undue stress, beyond that of competition.

Players of both teams have a tremendous need for support and approval, not criticism. Good play by your team OR the opposing team should be applauded.

Participation in basketball should be a positive experience for your child and for others. Relieve the pressure of competition – don't increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.

It is important to be courteous to your child's coach and to the game officials. The coaches are all volunteers giving personal time to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coaches are providing a valuable service, often without reward other than the personal satisfaction on having served the community and helped your child.

Referees are all certified for their knowledge of the game and ability to officiate. They watch the game and make calls to the best of their ability. The referee is a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship – **DO NOT question their judgment or their honesty.** There is no room for argument from the players, coaches, or spectators. Any spectator may be ejected from a game by a TBA Board member or by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct. **The referee's decisions are final.**

Opponents are necessary friends; without them your child could not participate.

When you help out at games as the timekeeper or scorekeeper, you are part of the referee/official's team. Impartiality is required.

The results of each game should be accepted in good spirits. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and defeat. Be sure to thank the opponents and the referees for a good game.

Refrain from coaching during games. Do not give directions to the children about positioning or playing. Games are for fun; practices are for coaches.

DO NOT yell or make negative remarks about coaches, referees and/or other children during or after the game. Only coaches may communicate concerns about the game with the referees. If you have concerns, communicate them to the coach during a timeout or other game break.

Pick up and drop off your child from practices and games on time.

Do not send food or drink with your child to games or practices.



Help your child practice at home.

Assist with team activities and offer to help your coach.

TBA has made instructional materials concerning concussion management available to me on its website or by other means. It is my responsibility to further inform myself about this issue if I have questions or concerns. My acknowledgement below includes my understanding of the guidelines above on conduct and concussion management.

I, the parent or legal guardian of _____ acknowledge the receipt of the guidelines and materials about the symptoms and warning signs of a concussion and have reviewed those guidelines and materials.

Signed: _____
[The parent or legal guardian of the player]

Date: _____