

EDMONTON YOUTH BASKETBALL FAIR PLAY CODE

AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody
- Respect my opponents
- Do my best to be a true team player
- Remember that winning isn’t everything-that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are as important
- Acknowledge all good plays/performances-those of my team and of my opponents
- Participate because I want, not just because my parents or coaches want me to
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me and I will show them respect
- I will not play in shoes I have worn to the gymnasium

AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- Teach my child that doing one’s best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player’s performances by both my child’s team and their opponents
- Not force my child to participate in sports
- Never question the official’s judgment
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s sporting activities
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child’s development
- Supervise all of my children that attend the game that I am watching
- I will be on my best behavior at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers
- I will not wear my street shoes in the gymnasium

AS A COACH I WILL:

- Ensure that all athletes get fair playing time, instruction and support
- Be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations
- Teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents
- Not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves
- Make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes’ ages and abilities
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example
- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills
- Work in partnership with parents and players
- I will treat other coaches, players and referees with respect and yelling at participants will not be condoned.
- I will not wear my street shoes in the gymnasium

I have read and understand the above Fair Play Code

(Player signature)

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Coach signature)