

Dartmouth Lakers Basketball Club—Code of Conduct Policy

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will respect the rules of the game, my coaches, teammates, and opponents.
2. I will respect the officials and accept their decisions. I will maintain my self-control at all times.
3. I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
4. Basketball is a team sport. I am on a team and I will be a true team player and help everyone participate.
5. I will not engage in any trash talking, excessive celebration, or any form of harassment, bullying or abuse.
6. I will be respectful of my players as well as opponents, and not engage in any aggressive physical or verbal behaviour.
7. I will participate in every game and every practice except for illness, injury, or school commitments. In the event I must miss a game or practice, I will contact the coach or team manager as soon as possible.
8. I will not be critical of teammates and never discuss a teammate's abilities except to encourage good team play.
9. I will remember that having fun, improving skills, making friends, and trying my best in all games and practices is more important than winning.
10. I will listen to my coaches' instructions.
11. I know I represent the game of basketball, my family, my team, the Dartmouth Lakers Basketball Club, and the Metro Basketball Association. I will conduct myself in a dignified manner at all times when in the company of my team.

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports. I will remember that my child plays basketball for their enjoyment and not mine.
2. I will teach my child that doing their best is more important than winning so that they will not feel defeated at the outcome of a game.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. I will praise my child for trying hard and competing fairly.
5. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will never ridicule or yell at my child, other players, coaches, or officials. I will acknowledge all good plays, even those by opposing players.
6. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches and officials who give their time to my child.
7. I will not instruct players from the sidelines during games.
8. I understand that all officials do their utmost to be impartial; they try their best to provide a safe and suitable framework so that the game is well played and I will respect their decisions. I will not question the officials' calls, bias, or judgment in public.
9. I will show respect to my team's opponents because without them there would be no game.
10. I will not use profanity, nor will I harass any players, coaches, officials, or other spectators. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Consequences:

I understand that any violation of this code of conduct will be investigated and may result in appropriate action including suspension or removal from the team.

I understand that harassment of any kind is not tolerated and may lead to removal from the program.

