

## NBBA Parent Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for parents is intended to promote the belief that everyone has a responsibility to follow the principles of good sportsmanship. The emphasis is that respectful relationships between people sends a clear message to everyone participating that what is important is not who wins or loses but how the game is played and watched. The purpose of the code is to assure parents understand and behave at all times in a positive and supporting manner and instill those same behaviours in their children.

### Definition:

A parent is anyone who is the legal guardian of an athlete (any child who participates in a sport). Children learn best through example and parents are their most influential role models.

A parent should always demonstrate a fair play, supportive attitude with all participants including opposing players and parents, officials and other spectators.

The Parents of NBBA players and volunteers will:

1. **Understand the coach and team philosophy.** If you don't know the goals of the team ask them to be explained at the first team meeting of the season.
2. **Support the team, but NOT coach the players from the stands.** Do not use commands such as "Pass it" or "Shoot." It confuses others, and undermines the efforts of the coach.
3. **Use positive encouragement.** Be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy. Through your actions and comments, make the player you are supporting feel like a winner every time.
4. **Refrain from any and all vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures** while participating in, or watching any team or club event whether at home or away.
5. **Refrain from speaking to officials.** If you have questions or concerns with the referees, relay the information to the team manager, who will take it to the coach. Respect the officials and their authority during games and never question, discuss, or confront coaches during or immediately after the game. Allow yourself enough time to calm down.
6. **Speak to the coach at a pre-determined "open time"** as determined by the coach and established at the beginning of the season, such as after practices, after team meetings, or on the phone at a mutually agreed upon time.
7. **Direct all comments and criticisms of other spectators, participants, officials, or board members in private** and away from the players participating in the program. Coaches will not discuss players with anyone but their team. Also, coaches will always request a third party observer (manager, assistant coach, Board member) at any private discussion.
8. **Report to the coach all injuries**, special medical conditions (such as asthma) or extenuating circumstances (such as lack of sleep or family crisis) that may affect the player in any form.

**Procedure:**

1. All parents of athletes participating in the Nepean Blue Devils Basketball Association (NBBA) will be required to read and sign this NBBA Parents Code of Conduct.
2. Any parent violating this behaviour will be advised by a NBBA Coach, Executive or Manager that the behaviour is unacceptable.
3. Penalties can vary from verbal warning, letter of reprimand, suspension of the parent to attend NBBA events, suspension of the parent's child from participation in the NBBA and in the most severe cases, the family would no longer be allowed at any NBBA event. In all cases, the executive will review all issues of the behaviour with the person(s) making the complaint and the respondent.

I understand and agree to abide by the NBBA Parent Code of Conduct

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_