

CCYBL Understanding Regarding Conduct and Sportsmanship

Parents

The founding principles of the Cape Cod Youth Basketball League included developing friendship, initiating sportsmanship, and creating a friendly, competitive atmosphere in which our children could learn and play. Your behavior in the stands and the attitudes you pass on to your kids are major contributing factors toward the achievement of those goals.

--Remember that your teams' opponents are somebody else's children and should be afforded the same consideration you'd expect for your own. Cheer for your kids and teammates, but treat their opponents with kindness and respect. Yelling at a kid to miss a free throw is not cool.

--The CCYBL uses IAABO patch officials for all league games. They are professional, board certified referees who work our games for less than half what they get for high school work for the benefit of your children. Competitive youth basketball is very difficult to referee and officials must call that which affects the play at hand while keeping the games to a reasonable length. They are there to help your kids and not to be taunted, harassed, or embarrassed. After fair warning, spectators abusing officials (or anyone else, for that matter) will be asked to leave.

--Kids bring to games and practices what they hear at home. Your child needs to believe that skill and knowledge attained through effort and practice will be rewarded with playing time and success. Try to reinforce the principles of commitment, discipline, sportsmanship, respect, selflessness, hard work, and personal responsibility that come with the game and are more important than cross-over dribbles and 3-point strokes.

--Whether at home or on the road CCYBL families have set a high standard for game attendance and team support. Don't let someone else's negativity affect your behavior. Meet boorishness with dignity and nastiness with equanimity. Be a positive example for your kids and everyone else's. Also, please remember that you are responsible for the behavior of any children you bring along that are not participating in the game at hand.

Players

--Treat your opponents, coaches, referees, and teammates with respect.

--Represent your team, club, family, and yourself with class and honor.

--Show good sportsmanship in both victory and defeat.

--Be a good teammate and remember that everyone makes mistakes.

--Always play hard and give your best effort.

--Many people have worked to give you this chance. Make the most of it.

The CCYBL Board of Directors has empowered both game and local club officials to eject from game sites any spectator, parent, coach, or player who engages in abusive, unruly, dangerous, or other inappropriate behavior. No obscene language or taunting or harassment of officials, players, coaches, scorers, timers, or other spectators will be tolerated. Continued or egregiously inappropriate behavior will result in a permanent ban from participation in or attendance at CCYBL events. Please, don't let it come to that. Remember, this is all for the kids, and let's have some fun out there.

--CCYBL Board of Directors, October, 2007--

We have read the above and agree to abide by the principles and policies set forth in this document.

Player name _____ Signature _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____