

Parent Code of Conduct for Sportsmanship and Character

At the NorCal Basketball Association (NCBA), we are committed to fostering a culture of sportsmanship that reflects the core principles of Integrity, Respect, Teamwork, Fairness, and Dedication. These values serve as the foundation for all interactions within our league, guiding our young athletes not only in how they play the game but also in how they conduct themselves off the court.

Our aim is to inspire every member of the NCBA to embody these principles, thereby enhancing their development as athletes and as upstanding members of the community. By adhering to these values, we elevate the standard of our league and ensure that the NCBA is a positive force in youth sports.

1. I will support my child's interest in participating in sports without imposing my own desires.
2. I will remember that the primary purpose of the league is for the children to enjoy themselves and that it is meant to benefit the youth, not the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical condition or ailment my child has that could affect their safety or the safety of others.
4. I will make an effort to understand the rules of the sport and the policies of the league.
5. I will be a positive role model for children, promoting sportsmanship through respectful and courteous behavior, and by showing positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every event.
6. I will avoid any forms of unsportsmanlike conduct, including booing, taunting, refusal to shake hands, or using inappropriate language or gestures towards officials, coaches, players, or parents.
7. I will discourage any behaviors or practices that could jeopardize the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to handle conflicts peacefully and respectfully.
9. I will insist that my child respects fellow players, coaches, officials, and spectators, irrespective of race, religion, gender, or ability.
10. I will emphasize that effort and fair play are more important than the outcome of any game, helping my child to learn from every experience.
11. I will celebrate my child's effort and sportsmanship, making them feel valued for their contribution, regardless of performance.

12. I will never belittle or criticize my child or others for mistakes or losing a game.
13. I will prioritize skill development and practice over winning, particularly in younger age groups, and downplay the importance of competition.
14. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all athletes above any personal desire for my child to win.
15. I will respect the authority of officials during games and will address any concerns calmly and at an appropriate time and place.
16. I will demand a sporting environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and abstain from their use at all league-related events.
17. I will maintain respectful interactions with all league personnel including coaches, officials, volunteers, and administrators.
18. I will refrain from coaching from the sidelines unless I am an official coach and will ensure proper supervision of my child at all times during league activities.
19. I will not engage in or encourage any form of taunting or negative behavior towards any player or team.