

PENNSYLVANIA BLUE THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of the Pennsylvania Blue Thunder Basketball Club is to provide the means by which the youth membership of the club may grow and mature into productive adults through the medium of basketball. The Club offers a set of experiences both on and off the court aimed at this mission and it is the obligation of the adult leadership of the Club and parents of the members to facilitate this objective by educating and providing an appropriate environment for the members of the Club.

The goal of the Club is to carry out its mission, which is not only measured by its teams success on the basketball court, but also in the improvement of its membership as individuals. Playing basketball is one medium which is used to accomplish the mission of the Club.

The aid in achieving its mission and goal the Club has established a Parent's Code of Conduct which sets forth the expectations of the Club for the parents or guardians of its members. Each parent or guardian of a member agrees to abide by the Parent's Code of Conduct and assures that their child's or ward's conduct is consistent with the Player's Code of Conduct and expectation of the Club or be subject to sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or termination of membership, consistent with the procedures set forth in the by-laws of the Club.

As a Parent or Guardian of a child who is a member of the Club, the parent agrees that:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate because they desire to have fun and that the game is for them and not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Club.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, spectators and property of others at every game, practice or other Club event.
6. I (and my guests) will neither encourage our child to nor engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, opposing player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence and not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the members or any other person.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

9. I will teach my child that doing one's best all the time is important to the team.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child overall.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the Club's members ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
13. I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
14. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
16. I will fulfill my volunteer obligations willingly, knowing that the effort will directly impact my child's Club experience and aid the Club in accomplishing its mission and goal.
17. I will follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the real and personal property of others.

I realize, accept, and practice the principle that the Club's and team's reputation is built not only on its members playing ability, but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player and their supporters. As a supporter of the member of the team, I will not do anything to embarrass the Club and will uphold the expectations that it has of me as a supporter by adhering to the above principles or be subject to sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion as set forth in the by-laws of the Club.

Witness

Member

Date

Member's Name Printed