

KNIGHT HOOPS SELECT BASKETBALL Parents Code of Conduct

Supporting Players: This means all the players, opponents as well. Be positive in your comments to all players. Acknowledge good plays by any player and let them know you recognize them. Most importantly do not celebrate a lopsided win or complain about a lopsided loss.

Supporting Coaches: Please remember that our coaches are all volunteers and are not professional coaches. Our coaches have volunteered their valuable personal time to ensure that our players are able to participate in a team sport. Do not be a sideline coach and yell instruction to players, it is up to the coach to provide instruction to our players. Be positive in your comments regarding the coaches and players. You will be amazed at how much the players can overhear.

Supporting Referees: Referees are human and make mistakes, but they are the authority on the basketball court. Knight Hoops wishes to teach our children to display good sportsmanship, respect authority, and above all, have fun. If you have a disagreement with how the referees handled the game, please let your coach know. Never approach a referee to dispute calls or the result of a game; that is the coach's duty. Keep in mind that the goal of our program is to teach our children to display good sportsmanship, respect authority, and have fun. If the parents support the referees, then the children will also.

Supporting Parents: This means all parents, opponents as well. Be positive in your comments to all parents.

Knight Hoops Basketball Parent Agreement:

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, and spectators, at every game, practice or other sporting event.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

I will not encourage any behavior or practice that would endanger the health and wellbeing of an athlete.

I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials prior to, during or after games.

I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.

I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

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.

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.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Knight Hoops Basketball.
- Parental season suspension

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____