



Parents Code of Conduct

PaRBA endorses the following code of behaviour for parents in its basketball programs and requires all parents participating in those programs to abide by this code. The code is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in basketball: Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember that children learn best by example.
- Applaud good plays by all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Discourage violent, dangerous or aggressive play, or abuse and harassment of players, coaches, other spectators or officials.
- Do not be aggressive to, harass, abuse or threaten any coach, player, other spectator or official.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show respect for the decisions of officials and do not show obvious dissent.
- Be courteous to officials and if you have any questions direct them through your team's coach.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators without whom your child could not participate.
- Learn the Rules - Most criticism by parents and spectators is ill informed and results from a lack of knowledge of the Rules.
- Offer to participate in the coaching or management of your child's team or administration of your club or Association, do not leave it to others to do all the work so that your child can play.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.