

GRAY-NEW GLOUCESTER YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Parents' Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects the "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that the game is for the student athletes, 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 league.
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 and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.

12. I will emphasize the importance of practice.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child's playing time.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game site, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed-upon time and place. (Student athlete will be required to attend)
 - ◆ I will not discuss basketball strategies with coach
 - ◆ I will not discuss other players with coach
 - ◆ I will not discuss playing time with coach
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. I will always put my child's academic career ahead of his or her athletic career.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Printed Name