



PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

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I, _____, agree to respect and follow the Ontario Basketball Association's Parents Behavioural Guidelines as well as adhere to the Niagara Thunder Basketball Club's Parents Code of Conduct as outlined below. I understand that failure to adhere to the Parents' Code of Conduct may result in a decision to bar parents' attendance at games and tournaments.

Please keep in mind that your child's coach is a community volunteer who is committing many hours of personal time to help your child as well as the other players on the team. Parents with concerns or questions regarding the coach's objectives or development approach should arrange to discuss these concerns privately and in a measured, constructive manner.

Remember at all times that the goals of the Niagara Thunder Basketball Club are to make the overall basketball experience a positive one; to develop players, both mentally and physically, with an emphasis on team building, good sportsmanship, skill development, and physical fitness.

Avoid coaching from the sidelines. This is neither welcome nor appropriate. Parents' suggestions may be in direct contradiction to the coach's strategy or instructions and will likely confuse or distract the players.

Instruct siblings and other family members regarding the code of behaviour. Parents are expected to ensure those family members and other guests who are in attendance at games or tournaments adhere to the same behaviour guidelines. Parents are also expected to ensure that their child arrives on time for practices and games.

Show respect and a positive attitude at all times towards the coaches, game officials, the players, your fellow spectators and the opposing team. Please exhibit restraint when there are questionable decisions from the referees and let the coach address them. Confrontation and inappropriate language or behaviour not only set a bad example for the players but may also negatively influence subsequent referee calls.

Encourage and support your child's team as much as possible by ensuring that your comments are positive and morale-building. It is not acceptable to criticize any player on or off the court irrespective of whether the player is your child or someone else's. The coach is there to train and develop the players and he/she is the one responsible for discussing players' performance.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature:

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