

Cambridge Basketball Club Parent Code of Conduct

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health of the participants. This code of conduct has been developed by Cambridge Basketball Club to give parents a guide to the expectations of behaviour and conduct while attending training and games. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in Basketball.

1. Remember that Basketball is for enjoyment.

Encourage your child/ren to participate for their own interests and enjoyment, not yours. Support your child/ren in their participation in basketball but do not force them to play if they don't want to.

2. Encourage your child/ren to play by the rules.

Cambridge Basketball Club encourage parents to teach their child/ren to play the sport by the rules. If you see your child/ren breaching the rules you should speak to them about the expectations of the game. Do not encourage them to ignore or deliberately break any rules.

3. Encourage your child/ren to respect officials during games.

Children should be taught to understand that officials have a difficult task to perform and that without them games cannot be played. They are there to enforce rules of play but cannot always be right. Teach your child/ren to respect the officials' decisions without question or remark. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour and will not be tolerated.

4. Encourage your child/ren to be respectful of opponents and coaches.

Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants in the game. Encourage your child/ren to accept that their opponents are entitled to proper courtesy. This includes congratulating them whether they win or lose and accepting loss gracefully.

5. Teach your child/ren that an honest effort is as important as a victory.

Teach your child/ren that whilst a win in basketball will bring them pleasure, it is not the most important thing. Participating to the best of their ability is far more important than winning. You can help them learn this, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

6. Do not criticise or yell at a child.

All children deserve to be treated with respect, including your own. Ridiculing or yelling at a child can be demoralising and can damage their self-esteem.

7. Always display control and respect to all involved in the sport.

As a parent you lead by example. Under no circumstances is it okay to be disrespectful to an official on game day, players and parents from your team or the oppositions team or members of committee. Accept the decisions of referees as being fair and made to the best of their ability. Your actions reflect on the club, and it is important to always remain respectful while representing Cambridge Basketball Club.

8. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour, and appearance.

Children learn by example, and you are the prime role models for them. Make your parenting rewarding and beyond criticism by leading by example. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by words or gestures. Accept loss graciously and applaud the efforts of all playing the game.

9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Parents have considerable influence in how sports are conducted. Always conduct yourself in a respectful manner and call others out when they are behaving inappropriately.

10. Recognise and value the importance of volunteer coaches and team managers.

Understand that the coach and team manager are volunteers and are there to help and support your child/ren in the sport of basketball. Always treat coaches and team managers with respect and address any concerns appropriately.

11. Do not overstep the role of coach.

It is the coach's role and responsibility to teach your child/ren skills and rules of the sport. If you do not agree with the method your child/ren is being taught, respectfully raise your concerns with the coach or team manager to have the matter addressed. Yelling out from the sidelines and overruling a coach's decision will not be tolerated.

12. Advise spectators of the Code of Conduct.

As a parent, it is your responsibility to make any spectators that you bring along to watch your child/ren play aware of our Parent Code of Conduct and what constitutes as acceptable behaviour during training and games. Spectators must adhere to this code to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our players, volunteers and officials.

Displaying and promoting the Cambridge Basketball Club values is an expectation of parents and required to be demonstrated at all times. Negative actions reflect badly on the club and its members.

Failure to comply to the Code of Conduct could lead to suspension or removal from the club of you and/or your child/ren.