

Johnston Basketball Club Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Johnston Basketball Club sports programs by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other JBC events. I understand that if I do not, my child will be removed from the game and/or disqualified from further participation.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support the program coordinator, coaches, and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will do my very best to make athletic participation fun for my child and help my child enjoy the athletic experience by being a respectful fan.

I will abide by all school rules and regulations. This includes a ban on the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on school property.

I will not accost a coach either physically or verbally, before, during or after any game or practice. I understand that if I do, my child will be removed from the game and/or disqualified from further participation. A coach's complaint of a parent's behavior shall be heard by the JBC Board, and any disciplinary action will be determined by the Board.

I will refrain from criticizing the referees or coaches from the sidelines, and never voice any complaints or concerns towards coaches or referees in front of the players. If I need to communicate with the referees after games, I will do so only to thank them for their work, realizing that without them there would be no games. I will work with coaches to teach kids that the bad calls and good calls even out - in sports as in life. Similarly, I will help the kids see that, in sports as in life, they will sometimes play well and lose, or play poorly and win. I realize the only sensible goals are to have fun and improve their skills. I will encourage the kids to participate in sports for the enjoyment of the game.

I have read this Code of Ethics and understand the expectations placed on me as a parent of a child involved in the Johnston Basketball Club.