

Scarborough Junior Basketball Club



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CLUB PHILOSOPHY

SCARBOROUGH JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB is founded on the concepts of teamwork and sportsmanship. These are our basic philosophies:

We are a club that encourages participation, team spirit and the social and sporting development of our players through playing the game of basketball.

Sport for children provides a solid base for later life.

Attitudes and skills involving physical well being, the ability to inter-relate and rely on others, to train for improvement and learning to accept both winning and losing times are all a part of everyday life. These aspects are developed in children's sporting activities. If the children can win in these areas, the scoreboard tends to look after itself.

WINNING IS WATCHING CHILDREN LAUGH, LEARN AND GROW. Children always win when you let them enjoy themselves.



PLAYERS

PLAYERS should commit themselves to the full season for their chosen sport.

Attend training regularly. Failure to attend results in a lack of teamwork and makes it difficult for coaches.

Players are expected to inform the coach if they cannot make training or a game.

Be at your game 15 minutes before start time.

Hand your ticket to the manager.

Get your singlet and be ready for warm up as soon as the previous game finishes.

Always display good sportsmanship.

Remember to focus on the enjoyment of the game rather than winning.

You may not always agree with an umpire's decision but never question it.

Don't be too hard on yourself if you make a mistake or your team loses. There is always next week.

Always listen to your coach. Endeavour to carry out all instructions.

Be positive about your own abilities.

Be a “team-player”. Always pass the ball to whoever is in the best position.

Be prepared to work at your skills in your own time, particularly shooting.

Subbing is part of the game. Accept it without complaining.

REMEMBER: A Coach can only point you in the right direction, you have to take the steps. The best way to learn is to do it for yourself.



PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

BEING THE PARENT of a sporting child has its moments. Your responsibility as an adult involved in children's sports relies on you knowing there is more to this game than just scoring points.

Kids sport needs adults to make it work. Don't pass up the opportunity to become involved. Apart from anything else, children's sport makes for great entertainment.

What you teach them as children, will stay with them as they grow up.

Listed below are some do's and don'ts to ensure the experience is equally satisfying for both the parent and the child.



DO:

Enjoy junior sport. The kids do.

Let kids play as kids.

Become involved with your child's sport rather than be just a taxi driver to and fro.

Treat your child the same way whether they win or lose.

Let your child experience a number of sports.

Encourage and be proud of them when they try their best.

Be an understanding listener when your child performs poorly.

Give your child space to develop as an independent person.

Ask your child how she/he really feels about competition. (Just because you love it does not always mean your child will).

Take every positive step to support training. Let them know that you place importance on their efforts at training. Try to get the opportunity to go and watch a training session. You will then be better able to talk about training with them.

If they are not happy, tactfully find out why.

If you have any concerns about how your child is being treated, speak first with your child and if they are also unhappy speak to the coach quietly and privately.

Encourage your children to take training seriously and support the coach with home practice.

Training is very important for the individual and team development. Your support will go a long way towards making training worthwhile.

All children play at different levels of skill. Just love them and be proud of their talents and the good use they make of them.



DON'T:

Hover over your child at the games.

Tell your child what they did wrong after a tough game.

Badger, harass or use sarcasm to motivate your child.

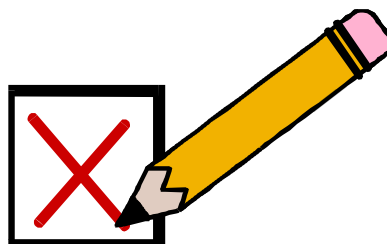
Negatively compare your child's performance with that of other children.

Expect your child to be perfect.

Give coaching instructions to your child or any other child during the game.

Negatively approach an opposition coach, player or parent.

Question refereeing decisions.



COACHES

COACHING is both a science and an art, involving a vast array of knowledge and abilities that are coordinated to help aspiring athletes achieve their potential.

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COACHING is accepting the role because there is no-one else, and you do not want your son/daughter to miss out on being involved in a sport they are keen on.

There are many reasons as to why we decide (or are pushed) to become a coach, and various degrees of enthusiasm about this decision. The one fundamental objective, once the decision has been made is to *enjoy yourself*.

There are many aspects of coaching, and they are all important:

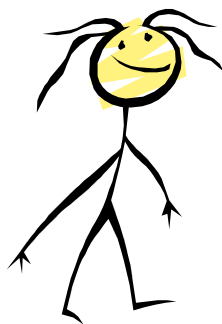
- 1. Inspiring and Encouraging your players.**
- 2. Observing and Moulding individuals and the team.**
- 3. Recognising and Accepting the differences in temperament, personality and skills between players.**
- 4. Planning and Organising.**
- 5. Imparting Knowledge and Experience.**

Some important qualities of a coach are:

Enthusiastic, Industrious, Co-Operative, Loyal, Determined, Honest, Sincere, Reliable, Ethical, Sympathetic, Encouraging, Self-Controlled, Patient, Caring, Flexible, Good Communicator, Respectful.

Equal court time for each player is a fundamental philosophy of our club. All parents pay equal fees and stadium entry so each child deserves equal time on court no matter what their level of skill. A less confident player will only become stronger if they are given the opportunity to develop during a game situation.

However, you may wish to discipline a player, who has misbehaved at training by giving them extra time on the bench.



ETHICS IN COACHING

Dealing with ethical issues is a regular part of a coach's duty. Issues such as sportsmanship, cheating, bullying, respect, harassment, are faced many times throughout the season. The way a coach responds to these issues has an enormous impact on the players. The coach's actions can influence the player's enjoyment of sport, their attitude towards others, their self-esteem, and whether they continue to stay involved in sport.

The responsibilities and standards of behaviour expected of coaches, are extremely high. Their most important responsibility is to ensure that children participating in sport are safe and receive a positive sporting experience. They are also responsible for the behaviour of their players and, as such, act as a role model toward all players, the other coach, referees and spectators.



THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF DEALING WITH ANGRY PARENTS OR SPECTATORS:

Don't discuss the problem at the game. Agree to meet at a more appropriate time or venue. This avoids giving the parent an audience, allows tempers to "cool off", and gives the coach time to prepare an appropriate response.

Don't dismiss the problem, become defensive or try to justify your actions.

Don't lose your cool.

Don't interrupt, as this will only inflame the situation.

Don't alienate the parent.

Do agree to meet the parents at another time to discuss the problem.

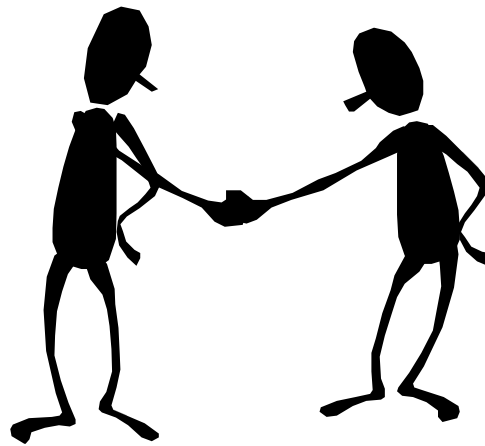
Do listen without interrupting.

Do show empathy, as this will show the parent their complaint is being taken seriously.

Do try to clarify the problem. This helps both parties to focus on the problem rather than personalities.

Do try to offer a range of solutions and agree on a mutual course of action. Avoid making promises you cannot keep.

Do obtain closure. Leave the parent with the impression that you will follow up their complaint immediately, if it has not yet been resolved.



Disciplinary Procedure

This action is to be taken when a member of the club shows continual disregard for the philosophies and ethics of the Scarborough Junior Basketball Club.

- **Unacceptable behaviour during training or at the games.**
- **Unacceptable behaviours towards a coach.**
- **Unacceptable behaviour toward other players.**
- **Behaviour that could result in an injury to another person.**

STEPS TO BE TAKEN:

STEP 1

The coach or representative to speak with the offending person and explain their behaviour is unacceptable and obtain an assurance it will improve.

STEP 2

Contact the Coaching Coordinator or Head Coach to attend a training session or game to observe the offender and explain the possibility of dismissal.

STEP 3

A letter will be sent to the offender/parents explaining the Club's concern.

STEP 4

If the behaviour does not improve, or there is another transgression, the offender will be dismissed from the Club. There will be no refund of fees in these circumstances.

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