

## **PARENTS & SPECTATORS**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child/young player for making a mistake or not winning. Positive comments are motivational.
- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Support policy and practices (and lead by example) in relation to responsible use of alcohol, to child protection issues and to issues involving recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programs.
- Show appreciation for all good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sports (player, coach, umpire and so on).
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be respectful and mindful of other basketball participants and officials when using electronic/social media.