Neenah Boys Hoops Club
Game Etiquette

1. Coaches will sit on the end of the bench nearest the score table. Players on the bench will fill the seats closest to the coaches.
2. Players should have their warm ups/sweats off, shoes on and tied, and water bottles ready to go when it is time to begin warm ups for the game.
3. Players should make sure they go the bathroom BEFORE warm ups for any game.
4. Uniform jerseys must be tucked into the players shorts.
5. Players will not leave the bench area until the game is completed, we shake hands with the opposing team, and meet briefly as a team, unless there is an emergency or necessary medical reason.
6. Players: Parents/relatives/siblings are not going to be on the court or by the bench, unless it is an emergency. It is the players responsibility to make sure you have your water bottle, clothes, shoes, etc. before and after the game. Filling up water bottles, bringing sports drinks, etc. is NOT an emergency.
7. When you are sent to sub into the game, you must report to the front of the scorers table, and WAIT for the official to call you into the game before heading onto the court.
8. When you sub in for a teammate, you must go face to face and communicate who you will be guarding with your teammate who will be coming out of the game. If the other team has a subbed player at the same time, you must communicate with your teammates about who is guarding who.
9. When you are on the bench, you need to pay attention to what is going on in OUR game, not other games or what is happening in the bleachers.
10. During time outs, the 5 players in the game will sit on the bench, the others will stand.
11. Absolutely, NO reacting to or showing up officials! They may make mistakes or bad calls during the games. They won’t be yelling at you or reacting when you may make a mistake, so we won’t be yelling at them or react to a call they may miss.
12. When the game is over, win or lose, we will shake hands and say “good game” to the other team. Show respect, class, and sportsmanship, even if the opponent does not.

PLAY HARD! HAVE FUN! GO ROCKETS!

Respect of our volunteer coaches and their decisions during the season is expected. If you have an issue it is a good idea to not react to your possible dissatisfaction until 24 hours after the tournament. This will give you some time to think about the issues and determine if it’s a real issue. If there is something that needs to be brought to your son’s coach, please communicate with your son’s head coach in private via phone or email. If something needs to be brought up to the clubs attention, please contact leadership.
HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

• Have your son where they need to be (practices/games) 10 minutes early
• Have at least one pair of shoes that is dedicated for basketball use. Keep your son from wearing these shoes outdoors. Change into basketball shoes once they arrive at the gym.
• Get to know other parents and carpool to practices and tournaments.
• For practices: it is perfectly acceptable to drop your son off at the beginning and pick him up at the conclusion of practice. If your son has an uncommon medical condition that would require special treatment, please let your coach know.
• Communicate any conflicts or absences from practices or games to your coach as soon as possible, so that your coach can make changes to practice or game plans
• Have your son carry his own water/drink bottle
• When we travel to tournaments at other schools, players and coaches will get in free. However, keep in mind that parents, siblings and other adults will be charged admission (generally $3-$5 per adult for the day)
• At Tournaments: the wait between games can sometimes be a couple of hours. If it a good idea to make sure your child has some money (concessions are always a big hit) and form of entertainment to pass the time.
• Between games: the players will be somewhat “free”. We will gather them or have a designated time for them to meet before the next game. Warm up time prior to a game can be somewhat limited and players need to be ready when that time arrives.
• During Games: Support and cheering is encouraged! Coaching from the stands is not and can be very distracting and counterproductive to your son and the team. Players will continually be encouraged to focus on what is going on in the game, and to communicate with and listen to their teammates, their coaches and the officials only.
• Good rule of thumb: Expect poor officiating. Then if it’s decent you’ll be pleasantly surprised. Players will be encouraged to abide by all calls without external frustration and the club expects the same from parents. Please do not wear Neenah apparel if you plan to get on the officials. Let the coaches do the dirty work in the way that they are asked.
• Following games: once we shake hands with the opponent, we will clear the bench of our belonging and huddle very briefly to reinforce a few points and discuss what’s next. There will be no long talks following games. Please respect this “team time” at the conclusion of our games.