

## Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

Parents play a crucial role in the success and enjoyment of the players and are absolutely vital to the development of young athletes. Parents and adults involved in youth sports ought to be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example both on and off the court. The quality and integrity of Coon Rapids Cardinals Basketball Club does not solely rely upon anyone single participant, coach, player, or spectator. Having a "contract" helps us communicate these goals and boundaries to everyone involved in our organization. We aim to provide an environment of positive sportsmanship for our players, visiting opponents and families.

The following guidelines have been set forth to establish how we will act together as we represent our community:

- 1) Basketball is a place to have a great time while promoting teamwork, commitment, good sportsmanship, hard work, and discipline. Therefore, together we will aim to make this both a positive and fun experience.
- 2) Always be respectful and courteous to all players, parents, and coaches. Treat other players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- 3) Remember that mistakes happen often in youth sports. Accept the decisions of officials on the court as being fair and called to their best ability. Criticizing the officials, coaches, opponents, or other fans will NOT be tolerated.
- 4) Please leave the coaching to the coaches and remember that all of our coaches (as well as everyone involved in CRCBC) volunteer their time and energy. Support your coach and refrain from "sideline coaching" from the stands.
- 5) Refrain from rude and/or inappropriate behavior. Abusive language or cursing will NOT be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from future games and league sponsored activities. Parents will NOT encourage their child or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
- 6) If there is a problem that needs to be resolved, please calmly approach and discuss it with the coach or a board member at an appropriate time at least 24 hours after the incident.
- 7) You are responsible for any and all family members and/ or friends attending practices and/ or games to watch your child. Please make them aware of how "we" as a "Cardinal Family" behave.
- 8) Report any violations of these guidelines to any Head Coach or CRCBC board member. Individuals will be given one warning for inappropriate activity/ behavior. Individuals that continue to act inappropriately will be asked to leave and the player will be removed from the game or practice until the spectator has left. Other sanctions deemed necessary by the CRCBC board or coaching staff may be enforced, including a lifelong permanent ban from any participation.

## **Player Code of Conduct**

1. I will treat all players, referees, coaches, tournament volunteers, and fans with respect regardless of race, gender, creed, or ability. I will not berate the officials or "trash talk" to my opponent.
2. I will display appropriate behavior at all times, and follow the expectations at each practice/tournament site.
3. I will use positive language on the bench and the court. I will not use profanity.
4. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my teammates and opponents ahead of my personal desire to win.
5. I will show good sportsmanship at all times. 6. I will be a good role model and teammate.
6. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use.
7. I will respect and adhere to the rules governing eligibility and competition.