

Parents Information

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health. This Code of Conduct has been mirrored on the one developed by Basketball Victoria. It is important that parents be a good role model and show, by example, a positive and good sporting attitude at all times. This also applies to other family members, friends and supporters.

Knox City Cougars Basketball Club is run entirely by volunteers and your assistance is appreciated. We ask that you note the following:

Parents Code of Conduct*

- Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to always play according to the official rules of basketball and to follow the Players' Code of Conduct at all times.
- Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as winning. Focus on how the game is played, not who wins or loses.
- Applaud good play by all players on your child's team and the opposing team as well. A child learns best by example, and this can assist in creating a positive supportive climate for all children involved in the game.
- Do not criticise your child, or other team members, opponents, coaches or referees. If you must give 'constructive criticism' wait for a more private time!
- Do not use derogatory or foul language at any time, at any level.
- Accept the decisions of the referees as being legitimate and called to the best of their ability. Do not show disrespect for any official of the game.
- Show appropriate respect for your coach's ability and decisions. Do not "coach" from the side lines. This role is for the coach only. Directions from the sidelines, however well intended, may only serve to confuse players and contradict the coach's instructions.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or their supporters, either directly or indirectly.
- Avoid any remarks that could be constructed as offensive or discriminatory. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Your Team Manager will prepare a roster schedule. When rostered to score for your team, please ensure you are at the game with time to spare.
- Do not yell out from the scoring bench. Remember that you are an official whilst on the bench and you should not 'coach' or be seen to show favour.
- Keep children in your care under control.
- Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
- Set a good example to all players by your own conduct, behaviour and enthusiasm for the game.

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