



MPLS LAKERS (SWYBA) Coaches Expectations

1. It's about the kids – this is their time! You had yours.
2. You are a role model. Take that seriously. No profanity – ever. Never shame or berate a player.
3. Be Positive. Really, it's the best way to coach – studies show kids respond so much better to a positive coach.
4. Games - please don't ride the officials. There is no place for that in youth basketball. It is a poor example for the kids, often leads to poor calls and simply makes you – and our organization – look bad. The level of sportsmanship you model can influence your players for their whole lives.
5. Get your players to support all other teammates, regardless of their skill level. Teach what it means to be a good team member.
6. Be prepared – have a plan for each practice. Please, please teach fundamentals. Kids don't get to be better basketball players by running plays or practicing your zone press endlessly in practice. Do them a favor – emphasize skills.
7. Find ways to find meaningful game minutes for every player. Talk to your coaching directors for more ideas on how to do this.
8. Safety of the players always comes first - that means keeping a player with a possible concussion out of action until evaluated; that can also mean making sure you wait until all players are picked up from practice before leaving. Safety first.
9. "Phone home". If you have a brewing issue, there are many others in the organization who may have had the same experience. Don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call a coaching director, another coach or a board member.
10. Have fun! Teach your players to enjoy the game.

I have read and agree to abide by these principles.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

