

Pelham Panther Basketball Code of Conduct for Parents

Definition:

A parent is anyone who is the legal guardian of an athlete (any child who participates in a sport). Children learn best through example and parents are their most influential role models.

A parent should always demonstrate a fair play, supportive attitude with all participants including opposing players and parents, officials and other spectators.

Goal Statement:

Any parents participating in, or watching a Pelham Panther Basketball Association team or event will be expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct for Parents and sign this document in the space provided indicating their understanding and full acceptance to the penalties assessed for non-compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Actions:

- Remember that children and youth participate for their enjoyment, not your own
- Encourage children and youth to participate, do not force them
- Focus on their efforts and performance rather than winning and losing
- Encourage children and youth to always play according to the rules and to settle their disagreements without hostility and violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child or youth for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children and youth learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children and youth to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, there would be no competition
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her race, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, family status, or physical appearance

Procedure:

1. All parents of athletes participating in Pelham Panther Basketball Association will be required to read and sign this PPBA Parents Code of Conduct.
2. Any parent violating this behaviour will be advised by a PPBA Coach, Executive or Manager that the behaviour is unacceptable.
3. Penalties can vary from verbal warning, letter of reprimand, suspension of the parent to attend PPBA events, suspension of the parent's child from participation in the PPBA and in the most severe cases, the family would no longer be allowed at any PPBA event. In all cases, the executive will review all issues of the behaviour with the person(s) making the complaint and the respondent.

I understand and agree to abide by the PPBA Code of Conduct

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

CONSENT FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

I, _____ do, () do not () consent to my child's _____, name, photograph, video image being posted on the PPBA website.

Parent or Guardian's signature