



Respect the Golden Rule

Treat your players, the coaches and the officials in the same manner you want to be treated. That means no yelling, no sarcasm, and no embarrassing anyone in front of others. Be respectful.

Appreciate Your Coach

The coaches are volunteers. Coaching is stressful at times. We are lucky to have a coach willing to help.

Practice Good Sportsmanship

Spend time before games explaining to your son or daughter how to behave after a win or a loss. Good sportsmanship means no trash talking or taunting. Teach your son or daughter to develop a positive relationship with the officials.

Understand the Rules of the Game

But understand that at the youth level, not everything is called correctly. We are trying to teach the rules while allowing the kids to have fun. It isn't fun when everything is called...the game stops too much.

Have a Positive Rapport with the Officials

Officials will not respond positively if you try to bully or intimidate them. Instead, act like an adult. As a parent, your job is to cheer.

Promote Fun

Avoid getting too serious. Don't get crazy about winning. Find positives.

Be Patient

Young players are going to miss shots. They're going to make crucial turnovers. They're going to commit needless fouls. They need the freedom to make mistakes. It's your job to help them learn from those mistakes. That takes time and patience.

PARENT CODE

I recognize and accept my responsibility as a representative of EGFYBA and my child's team and pledge to follow this Parent's Code of Conduct:

1. **I will NOT be a sideline coach or referee. I will limit my comments to positive reinforcement and encouragement to my child and his teammates.**
2. I will lead by example in exhibiting sportsmanship and fair play at every practice and game competition. I will encourage this behavior from other coaches, players, officials, parents and supporters.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win. Winning should be the result of preparation, hard work and discipline.
4. If my child develops a behavior-related problem that repeatedly disrupts practice and/or games, I promise to work with my child's coach to resolve the problem.
5. I will do my very best to make basketball fun for my child and his teammates.
6. I promise to treat other fans, coaches, players, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, or ability, and I will expect to be treated the same in return.
7. I will not engage in physical or verbal confrontations with players, coaches, officials or fans before, during or after practices or game competitions.
8. I will refrain from the use of foul or offensive language.
9. I will provide encouragement to my child and teammates. I will refrain from making negative comments to my child or his teammates.
10. I will support the coaches and officials working with my son in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
11. I will be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
12. I will remember that the game is for my child and their teammates, not for adults.
13. I will remember that as a fan, I represent EGFYBA. I understand that any concerns about officiating and/or coaching during a game must be directed to the board.