

Code of Conduct

The Plymouth Area Basketball Association (PABA) was established to promote the game of basketball and provide an atmosphere in which the game can be learned and enjoyed by everyone. All players, coaches, and parents of this association are required to abide by this code.

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a sporting like manner at all times while participating in Plymouth Area Basketball Association games. Opposing players and coaches, as well as referees, should be treated with respect. All participants must support this goal if we are to maintain that this game will be played in a sporting like manner.

Coaches and assistant coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, and themselves at all times during the game. *Continual chiding of the referees, failure to maintain order on the court, failure to control his or her players, or willful violation of any league rules is unacceptable. Coaches who continually disrupt the game will be expected to leave the area for the remainder of the game.*

Parents can be either a very positive or negative influence on the game. They are encouraged to attend as many games as possible to support their children. Behavior demonstrated by parents that is disruptive and/or disrespectful to referees, other parents, players, or coaches will not be tolerated. **Disruptive parents will be removed from the area for the remainder of the game.**

Parent's Code:

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports. Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their own enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory.
4. Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
5. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing.
6. Do not publicly question the official's judgment or honesty.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal & physical abuse from children's sporting activities.

Important Don'ts for Parents:

1. Don't put yourself in your child's place. If they make a mistake, it's their mistake. If they make the game winning basket, it's their glory. **Glory or grief, it's their game.**
2. Don't talk about the "big game" all day. It probably isn't as important to your child as it is to you. Keep it in perspective.
3. Don't criticize your child or anyone else on your team or other teams.
4. Don't yell instructions to your child. That is the coach's job. Only shout encouragement.
5. Don't start analyzing your child's performance right after the game.
6. Never criticize the coach or referee. Before you complain, decide whether you're ready to give your valuable free time to step into their shoes.