



### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS and SPECTATORS**

In addition to paragraph 7 of Basketball New Brunswick Code of Conduct ([www.basketball.nb.ca](http://www.basketball.nb.ca)), parents/guardians of Individuals and Spectators at events will:

- a) Encourage athletes to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- b) Never ridicule participants for a poor performance or practice
- c) Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same
- d) Not question the judgment or honesty of an official or a Basketball New Brunswick staff or board member
- e) Respect and show appreciation to all competitors and to the coaches, officials, and other volunteers who give their time to the sport
- f) Keep off of the competition area and not interfere with events or calls
- g) Not force your child or others to participate in basketball
- h) Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun and benefit. They are not there to entertain, and they are NOT miniature professional athletes
- i) Explain the importance of Fair Play to your child and their coach along with others involved in basketball
- j) Encourage your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- k) Teach your child that doing ones best is as important as winning, so your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game
- l) Make your child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- m) Never ridicule or yell at your child or coach for making a mistake or losing a game
- n) Remember that children learn best by example and will applaud good plays by the home team and the visiting team



- o) Be on your best behaviour at all times and do not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, administrators, volunteers or the opposing team
- p) Never question the referee or coach's judgment or honesty in public and respect their decisions and involvement in children's development
- q) Show respect for the visiting team without them there would be no game
- r) Make involvement in this basketball program for your child and others a positive experience
- s) Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse in all forms
- t) Encourage players to always play according to the rules of basketball
- u) Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.