

Dear Parents:

Another basketball season is upon us. I'm excited about our team and hope your kids are too.

My Goals: My primary goal is for your children to have fun while improving their skills. The performance of the team as a whole should improve over the season. Your children's self-esteem should improve while the team as a whole demonstrates a sense of cooperation, selflessness, and sportsmanship. Finally, I'd like all players to want to continue to play the following season.

Respect: Players should respect each other on and off the court and should learn to both win and lose well. I look to you to help reinforce these important concepts. When you come to games or practices, please limit your interaction with your children to positive encouragement from a distance. During games, please sit on the other side of the court from our team, and please treat the referees with the respect they deserve. We are our children's most important role models. I will set as good an example as I possibly can and I would greatly appreciate your help by doing the same.

Practices and Games: Please make every effort to arrive on time for practices and 30 minutes before the scheduled start of any game. If you know that getting your child to a game will be difficult, we can carpool. If your child cannot make it to a game, please let me know in advance. If your child misses practice the week before the game without a good reason, he or she might not play in the game. Please know that I have this policy so that the participation in games is fair for everyone. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and be prepared to work with their child outside of practice. The skills I'll be teaching cannot be learned in a single or pair of practices each week. Parents will need to work with their players outside of practices as well.

Cancellation: Unless you hear otherwise, we will always have practice or games. In the case of cancellation, you will be notified by email.

Must Bring: Please make sure that your child has a water bottle, basketball, court shoes, shorts, and a T-shirt. Balls and water bottles should be labeled.

Concerns: I encourage you to bring any concerns or complaints to my attention. Feel free to contact me at any time at the address, phone number, or email address below. I will also make an effort to meet with you individually a couple of times during the season to discuss the progress of your child. If for any reason, you feel uncomfortable discussing your issues with me, you may contact the program director, _____

Lateness: We will have a limited amount of time to work together as a team so it is important, and a sign of respect for both the coach and the team, to arrive at practices and games at the specified time. Players who arrive late for practices or games will be required to sit out until specifically requested by the coach.

Playing Time: There's no substitute for actual game experience and every member of the team has a right to gain that experience. Regardless of ability, every member of the team deserves to be treated with encouragement and to be given equal playing time. That is to say, I'll alternate players as regularly as possible and will not use only the better players in close games. I will strive to ensure that every member of the team has approximately the same amount of playing

time over the season. It may not be possible to ensure this for any particular game but I will work to equalize playing time over the course of the season.

Team Web Site: A calendar of team practices and games as well as contact information will be maintained on line at _____.

I'm looking forward to a great season of basketball. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Phone:

Email: