

## St. Bartholomew Basketball - Parent Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for parents is intended to promote the belief that everyone has a responsibility to follow the principles of good sportsmanship. The emphasis is that respectful relationships between people sends a clear message to everyone participating that what is important is not who wins or loses but how the game is played and watched. The purpose of the code is to assure parents understand and behave at all times in a positive and supporting manner and instill those same behaviors in their children. Key points of the Code of Conduct are shown below.

1. Exemplify good sportsmanship at all times.
2. Teach your child to always respect the coaches, referees, and other players.
3. Learn the local rules of the games and help your child understand the rules.
4. Encourage your child to practice in order to improve their skill level and help them to understand the importance of good sportsmanship at all times.
5. Do not ridicule or shout at your child, or other children for making mistakes.
6. Set a good example. Both players and coaches are looking to you as a role model for proper behavior during both practices and games.
7. Applaud good plays by your team but refrain from coaching or directing players during the game.
8. Allow the players to play, the coaches to coach, and the referees to officiate.
9. Never question, complain or argue with a referee's judgment call. Be a good example for your child.
10. Understand that this is a competitive program and players will not get equal playing time in games. Playing time and position is determined by performance in practices and is at the coach's discretion. Communicate directly with the coach in a positive manner with concerns for your child. This communication must not occur during a game and must be done privately.
11. Under no circumstances should inappropriate language be used at any time during practice or games.
12. Ensure that players are on time to every game (30 minutes pre-game time) and practice (15 minutes pre-practice time). Promote good eating habits, both what and when the player eats (for guidance, see PBC website Links). Player development and practice attendance are the emphasis of this program.
13. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and turn defeat to positive experience for improvement.
14. Share this code of conduct with your child and ensure they understand expectations.

This Code of Conduct is not all inclusive. Breaches of the code could result in prohibitions against attendance at future SBA events

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Parent Name (Print)

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Parent Signature

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Date