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Saskatoon Minor Basketball Fair Play Code

The Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association strongly believes in creating a safe and respectful environment for all our players, officials, coaches, parents, and spectators.

All players, parents, and coaches must abide by the fair play code.

AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- Respect my opponents.
- Do my best to be a true team player.
- Remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are as important.
- Acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
- Participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me and I will show them respect.

AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Not force my child to participate in sports.
- Never question the official's judgment.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
- Supervise all of my children that attend the game that I am watching.
- I will be on my best behavior at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers.

AS A COACH I WILL:

- Ensure that all athletes get fair playing time, instruction, and support.
- Be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- Teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- Not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- Make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- Work in partnership with parents and players.
- I will treat other coaches, players and referees with respect and yelling at participants will not be condoned.

Anyone wishing to inform the executive of an infraction must do so in writing. Please address the letter to the **SMBA Disciplinary Committee** (leave letter with the gym supervisor)