

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Dartmouth Lakers Basketball Club (DLBC) is a recreational basketball club which aspires to achieve the following objectives:

- Foster a love of the game
- Inspire players to do their best
- Develop basketball skills and teamwork
- Advance the highest ideals of good sportsmanship

As such, each DLBC Coach will agree to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will be a positive role model. I will teach "Life skills through basketball".
2. I will be a "Fair Play" coach.
3. I will teach my players that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that players will not feel defeated at the outcome of a game.
4. I will encourage my players to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence. I will not cheat.
5. I will praise players for trying hard and competing fairly, and I will make my players feel like a winner every time.
6. I will never ridicule or yell negative comments at players, coaches or officials. I will cheer all good plays and avoid booing opponents. I will even acknowledge good plays by opposing players.
7. I will respect and show appreciation for parents, volunteers and officials who give their time to our youth.
8. I will remember that my players are amateurs who should not be judged against the standards of a professional basketball player.
9. I will respect the decisions of game officials, even though I might not agree with them on every occasion.
10. I will show respect for our team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
11. I will not use profanity, nor will I harass any players, coaches, officials, or spectators.
12. I will remember that our players play basketball for their enjoyment and not mine.
13. I will not force players to participate in a drill or activity that is not safe, nor one that makes them feel embarrassed or uncomfortable.
14. Unless general information is important to share with all team members, all other correspondence by any means between the coach and parents and/or players will be kept confidential.
15. I will always keep in mind that I am a coach in a recreational basketball league. With this in mind, I will do my best to ensure that every member of my team gets adequate playing time and that no player will sit on the bench for an unreasonable length of time.

I agree to abide by all of the above statements.

Coach

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____