



Respect The Game Pledge

The Jr. NBA is committed to promoting respectful behavior and relationships among everyone involved in youth basketball, including players, parents, coaches, referees, fans and all staff. Upholding positive values including teamwork, determination and community is critical to fostering mutual respect and delivering a positive youth basketball experience.

We encourage everyone in the youth basketball community to utilize Respect The Game pledges to continue creating positive, fun, competitive, and developmentally-appropriate basketball experiences for players, coaches, parents, and referees.

PLAYERS

I **pledge to respect the game** by treating all players, coaches, parents, fans, staff and referees with the same respect I would like to receive from them.

I understand that working hard, competing to the best of my ability, and exhibiting core values of **teamwork, respect, determination and community** is just as important as the outcome of games.

I will demonstrate **good sportsmanship and set a positive example** for others on the court while having fun playing the game with my peers.

I pledge to celebrate and support people of all backgrounds to ensure that all teammates, opponents, parents, coaches and referees **feel safe and welcome**.

COACHES

I **pledge to respect the game** by treating all players, coaches, parents, fans, staff and referees with the same respect I would like to receive from them.

I understand that working hard, teaching the fundamentals of the game, demonstrating the right way to compete, and exemplifying core values of **teamwork, respect, determination and community** is just as important as the outcome of games.

I will coach the right way by preparing and encouraging players to compete **ethically and honestly** while displaying accountability, dignity, sportsmanship and setting a positive example on the court.

I will encourage and support all members of the youth basketball community in taking care of their **mental and physical health**.

I pledge to celebrate and support people of all backgrounds to ensure that all players, parents, coaches and referees **feel safe and welcome**.

RESPECT THE GAME



PARENTS

I **pledge to respect the game** by treating all players, coaches, parents, fans, staff and referees with the same respect I would like to receive from them.

I understand that my child working hard and competing to the best of his/her ability while upholding the core values of the game – **teamwork, respect, determination and community** – is just as important as the outcome of games.

I will show my support in a **fair and ethical manner** by encouraging my child and his/her teammates through **positive reinforcement, patience, and honesty**, while respecting opposing players and fans as well as coaches and referees by giving them the space to do their jobs effectively.

I pledge to celebrate and support people of all backgrounds to ensure that all players, parents, coaches and referees **feel safe and welcome**.

REFEREES

I **pledge to respect the game** by treating all players, coaches, parents, fans, staff and referees with the same respect I would like to receive from them.

I will uphold the core values of the game – **teamwork, respect, determination and community**.

I will officiate in an **ethical manner**, and understand that displaying **honesty, fairness and integrity** is paramount.

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