

## **DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY AND SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT**

The Dundee Township Park District's Youth Basketball League is a recreational league that promotes the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork and teaching the basic skills of basketball in an atmosphere of fun both on and off the court.

Competition is inherent in the sport, however, winning is not the most important aspect of this league. All players should strive to win, but enjoyment of the sport should not be contingent on the outcome of the game. Players need to learn through coaches and parents that they can be successful by improving their skills and abilities. Winning should not be the determinant of a child's success in a sport.

- Children should receive 3 positive feedbacks for every 1 criticism.
- Be courteous and respectful to all coaches. He/she is volunteering to provide recreational activity for your child.
- The opponents are necessary friends; without them your child could not participate.
- Each child is to play equal amount of time and should start in at least 2 games.
- The Dundee Township Park District does **NOT** keep standings.
- Applaud good plays by your team and opposing teams.
- Remember, the attitude shown by parents at games, toward their child, the opposing team, the referee and the coach will influence the child's values and behavior.
- Criticism and/or disrespect for officials and opponents by over-anxious parents undermine the purpose of the sport and brings into the games stress beyond those of wholesome fun and competition.
- Parents and spectators are to stay in the bleachers and away from player's bench. Please allow the coaches to coach.
- 20 point rule – If a team is winning by 20 or more points, our scoreboard will not reflect that. It will always stay at 20 points until the score separation falls below 20. The official scorebook will reflect the correct score. We are not here to embarrass teams; we are here to help improve skills of the game.

## **BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR SPECTATORS / COACHES / PATRONS / PARENTS**

The Dundee Township Park District will handle disruptive behavior in the following manner so as the behavior interferes with or at a Dundee Township Park District event or program.

- Any person who is displaying disruptive behavior will be ejected from the premises. If a parent or guardian is ejected, then their child must also leave the premises.
- Second ejection of the same person will result in a 2 game suspension. This also applies to the participant, if the parent is the one getting the ejection.
- Third ejection: Immediate suspension from the league for the remainder of the season with NO refund. Suspension may carry over into future seasons based on circumstances.

Any physical contact or verbal assault on anyone associated with a Dundee Township Park District event, contest or class will result in permanent suspension from any future Dundee Township Park District functions.

*Please remember that we are a recreational league. Your child will not remember the wins or loses at the park district, but your child will hopefully remember the experiences and lessons learned along the way.*

*Your child's success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are. But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and tries their best is a direct reflection of your parenting.*

By participating in the youth basketball program, you are responsible for your own behavior, and those in attendance with you to watch your child play. The standards and philosophy outlined on this page will be followed. Those that do not follow these standards and philosophy will be asked to leave the premises. The youth basketball program is one in which we stress fun and learning.