

Albany Boys Basketball Association

Parents Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Code of Ethics.

I will maintain a “Fun is #1” attitude.

I will remind myself and my child to laugh and keep a sense of humor.

I will emphasize teamwork in team sports with my child, teaching them to think “we” instead of “me”.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for their teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport events.

I will praise my child, their teammates and opponents just for participating, regardless of their athletic skills.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win. I will do this by remaining calm when my child or their teammates make a mistake and help them to learn from their mistakes. Also by reminding my child and their teammates not to get down on themselves when things do not go well.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will not take myself too seriously when it comes to my involvement in youth sports, reminding myself that there is life beyond youth sports.

I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will promise to help my child to enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

I will keep the coach informed on conflicts with practice and game schedules. I will pick up my child no later than five minutes after each practice/games. I will require that my child’s coach be dedicated to ABBA Coaches Code of Ethics.

We reveal our true selves through sports. And like it or not, our children are watching us.... looking to us as role models of good sportsmanship. Youth sports are an avenue to teach values to our children: teamwork, hard work and practice, handling and learning from mistakes, developing confidence and winning and losing gracefully. Please remind ourselves of the significant role we play in the lives of our children, at their sporting events, and at home.