



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

Panthers Basketball Club welcomes you to the Panthers fraternity.

We believe and trust that you have chosen to join our Club at least in part because you agree with the ethos we support in regard to participation in sport and sportsmanship.

We rely on our parents and supporters to act as role models for our junior players so that they will develop appropriate attitudes of tolerance and fairness in an environment of friendly competition.

Panther's parents and supporters are advised that these Codes of Conduct are foundation documents to the Club's Grievance Resolution process.

- Always remain aware that children's participation in sport should be solely for their enjoyment and fulfillment.
- Children should be encouraged to participate, not forced.
- All focus should be on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Children should be encouraged to regard themselves as an equal in a team.

Parents and supporters should:

- encourage playing by the rules and in a fair spirit.
- applaud good performance and effort by all participants.
- never react negatively when mistakes are made or games lost
- demonstrate a gracious attitude in victorious circumstances
- foster the conviction that losses arise because of the superior performance of opponents and not for other reasons
- never indulge in derogatory or derisive comments about, or resort to altercation with players of either team, coaches, referees or other officials or spectators. They should also discourage similar behaviour by players.
- demonstrate and nurture acceptance of referees' decisions and particular interpretations of rules
- demonstrate and foster respect for the coach's efforts and position
- practice and promote respect for all people irrespective of their sex, cultural background, religion, impairment or ability.

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