



SAINT EDMUNDS BASKETBALL CLUB INC.
PARENTS INFORMATION BOOKLET

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ROLE OF THE PARENT

The role of the parent is to encourage and support all children, not just their own. It is also important to support the Coach and Team Manager as they are doing the best they can to teach and support your children. It is also important to respect the opposition Coach, Team Manager, and Players, as well as the scorers and referees.

Parents, Coaches, Team Managers, etc, are role models for the children, and as such, need to be setting appropriate examples of good conduct at all times.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- Focus on the enjoyment of playing the game; reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play by the rules. Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Be positive. Remember that children are involved in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours, and that they are not miniature professionals.
- Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not criticise referees, many are still learning. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly. Remember, we cannot have a game without them.
- Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture. Show respect for your team's opponent, without them there would be no game.
- Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Avoid derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, team managers and committee members and support them accordingly.
- Don't coach your child from the sidelines during a game, this can not only distract and confuse your child but can also act counter to the team plan. Leave coaching to the coach.
- Remember that the only person allowed to stand at courtside during a match is the coach.