

# **Columbia Ravens Basketball Code of Conduct – Players & Parents**

This is a Code of Conduct that the Columbia Ravens organization requires players, coaches and fans to follow during the season. The consequences of breaking the outlined responsibilities will vary from probation to a one event suspension, and may result in permanent removal from the organization without refund of fees. Enforcement of penalties is at the discretion of the Ravens Advisory Board . Typical progression is as follows:

By failing to abide by the code of conduct, you will be subject to disciplinary action that includes but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Ravens official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the Organization
- Player season suspension (no refund of fees).

By agreeing to the player/parent code of conduct, this indicates both have read, understand and agreed to the responsibilities listed below.

The following codes of conduct will be strictly enforced throughout the season.

## **Player Code of Conduct**

Be a responsible team member:

- Strive to achieve team goals, not individual goals
- Take constructive criticism willingly. It is designed to make you a better player, and is not to be taken personally
- Be positive in comments to your teammates
- Refrain from evaluating your teammates play. You are not the coach.
- Attend practices and games regularly and honor your commitment to your team
- Call the coach if you will be late or miss a practice or game
- Inform the coach of any injuries or medical conditions
- Accept responsibility for your play. Don't make excuses.

Do not neglect schoolwork. It is more important than basketball.

Do not neglect responsibilities at home. They are more important than basketball.

Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.

Show respect to all coaches, game officials, parents, teammates and opposing players at all times, and never act in a manner that is disrespectful to them or your team.

Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

Follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.

Demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score or situation by acting in a positive manner towards coaches, officials and other players.

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

Ensure your child is on time for practices and games.

Help your child understand and appreciate the rewards of team accomplishments over individual accomplishments.

Be broad-minded in your thinking. Consider issues from a perspective other than your own.

Think in terms of long-term team goals.

Do not make excuses.

Do not undermine the coach's authority, instructions, or directions.

Discuss issues with your coach, keeping in mind that the best time to do so is not immediately before, during or after a practice or game.

**Refrain from evaluating any player's performance. You are not the coach.**

No berating officials, opponents or team members.

No use of profanity.

Keep all things in perspective.

Treat everyone with respect.

Raise questions and concerns through the appropriate channels.

**Be positive and respectful toward all coaches, players and game officials. Negative and discouraging comments are not welcome.**

**I Agree to the following:**

I will not engage in drug and alcohol use during basketball events, which poses a risk to players, other volunteers, and myself, and reflects negatively on the Columbia Ravens Basketball Program.

I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child(ren) and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and other sporting event.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.

I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.

I will teach my child(ren) that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child(ren) will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

I will never ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child(ren) over winning.

I will follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.

I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child(ren) to win.

**I will sit in the stands and refrain from being on the sidelines, end lines, or near the bench area and will not interfere with team activity.**

**I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game venue, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.**

**I will refrain from coaching my child(ren) or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.**