



CODE OF CONDUCT and BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS POLICY

The purpose of MBA is to provide a safe, organized, and enjoyable environment that encourages all players to participate in learning the fundamentals of basketball. We further aim to promote parental involvement to achieve these aims. Sportsmanship is essential to our organization. Sportsmanship includes a behavior and attitude from players, coaches, parents, and fans that demonstrate mutual respect. In our continuing effort to encourage a positive support base for our athletes, MBA has adopted a **'Parent Code of Conduct' and 'Behavioral Standards Policy'**.

Parent Code of Conduct – All parents who attend Morton Basketball Association related events:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Will refrain from coaching their child or other players during games and practices unless specifically authorized by the head coach of the team.
- 3) Will never openly question, discuss or confront coaches during games or practices, and will take time to speak to coaches at an agreed upon time and place after a 48 hour 'cooling off period'.
- 4) Will accept that playing time may not be equal in every game and will be rewarded based on each player's cumulative effort and their ability to help accomplish team goals.
- 5) Will help teach their child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
- 6) Will demand that their child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 7) Will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the student athletes.
- 8) Will be a positive role model for their child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players' coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.

Behavioral Standards Policy – The aim of this policy is not only the promotion of sportsmanship, but also to encourage positive and effective communication between our board, our athletes, and our parents and coaches. Therefore, any person that demonstrates behavior that is detrimental to our program may be suspended or permanently expelled from the program. Detrimental behavior includes verbal or physical abuse of MBA or other players, coaches, spectators, referees, or Board Members. All participants in our program will be held to this standard. While one of the primary goals of MBA is the promotion of good sportsmanship, it should be understood that poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated under any circumstances. MBA referees, coaches, and Board of Directors will enforce this policy and may have a person removed from the facility if deemed necessary. All decisions pertaining to the suspension or removal of anyone from our program lies within the discretion of the MBA Board of Directors. Thank you for helping us set high quality sportsmanship standards for the children that participate in our program.