

DCE Girls Basketball Parents Sportsmanship Contract

I the undersigned parent recognize that the coaches of my daughter's team have made a commitment that involves many hours of preparation at practices and games. I also understand that my daughter's coaches have committed to teach the principles of sportsmanship, character development, academic excellence and basketball fundamentals in accordance with the by-laws of the DCE Girls Basketball Association. Therefore, I commit to:

1. Allowing the coaches the ability to make playing time and basketball strategy decisions in the best interest of the team without complaint;
2. Making sure my daughter attends all team functions (practices, games) when it does not adversely interfere with school, religious education and other important family matters. Accept the decision of the coach to reduce my daughter's playing time if she does not regularly attend team functions or has unexcused absences;
3. Honor the game by watching my language and actions during all basketball events especially in communication about referees, other players, other parents and coaches;
4. Encourage my child no matter what their level of success or playing time;
5. Encourage other team members with positive communication and cheers;
6. Encourage other parents to honor the game by correcting their negative court-side behavior towards officials, opposing teams and coaches.

I understand that this agreement does not preclude me from talking with the coaches about matters of general welfare concerning my daughter or expressing my concern to the Board of Directors of the DCE Girls Basketball Association about a coach's tactic other than playing time decisions.

I understand that if I violate any of the sportsmanship provisions above that my child's playing time may be reduced or she may even be removed from the team in the best interest of the DCE Girls Basketball Association.

(Name)

(Date)