

## **Expectations for Spectators**

We are asking that you please take the time to read and follow these guidelines for appropriate spectator behaviour:

### **Please do not yell at the referees or scorekeepers.**

These people are offering their time to help in the growth and development of the game of basketball. Please treat them in the way which you would want yourself treated. If you have difficulty controlling your frustrations, please go for a walk outside of the gym. The self-control you demonstrate sets a terrific example for your child and their teammates.

### **Cheer for great plays, even if they are from the other team.**

We all want our team to win, but there are times when great plays are made by the other team. Please take a moment to acknowledge them. In so doing, you are setting a wonderful example of appreciation and enjoyment of the moment.

### **Please try not to instruct your child during the game.**

Basketball can be a very confusing game, especially for those new to the game. Please try not to give instruction to your child as this can create more confusion. Your child wants to please you, but this is a time when s/he should be trying to listen to his/her coaches and teammates. Perhaps you can offer your thoughts and tips at home.

### **Please be patient with the mistakes made by your child.**

We all make mistakes, and it's especially difficult to make them in front of so many people. Please be patient and realize that your child will make many mistakes as s/he learns the game. In making mistakes, s/he will turn these experiences into learning opportunities. Your example of tolerance and patience is so important.

**Thank you.**