



HARRISONBURG HORNETS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents must read and sign the following agreement before their player is allowed to participate in tournament play. A copy of the player and parent codes of conduct will be placed in each team's binder.

As the parent of a Harrisonburg Hornets Basketball player, I agree to the following:

- Be my player's best fan and support them unconditionally.
- When taking your player home after a match or training session, strive to be supportive and focus on the positive aspects of their game.
- Develop a responsibility in your player to pack their own uniforms, shoes and take a proper sports drink or water bottle to games as needed.
- Respect the facilities at both our and our opponent's gyms.
- Be supportive of your player's coach, your child's teammates and other parents. If you have questions for the coach of your child, you should raise the issue with the coach directly at a time other than practice or games.
- Encourage your player to speak with their coach directly. By learning to verbalize their challenges or concerns, your player is working to develop important life skills.
- Help your player to focus on the performance and not the result. Remember – winning is not as important as the effort in their performance and the developmental process.
- Support all the players on your player's team. Do not criticize anyone: remember – players don't intend to make mistakes.
- Be supportive or silent of opponents, their parents and the officials.
- Never dispute a referee's decision. They will make mistakes. If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking this code of conduct and may be asked to leave the gym.
- No coaching from the sidelines during games. This is disrespectful to the coaches and a distraction to your player.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that any family member(s) or friends that come to games in support of your player and the team understands and abides by this code.

Please remember – the game is for the players. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or the parents. Thank you for your cooperation in helping the coaches to properly develop our players and team into being the best that they can be both on and off the court.

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____