

## FAIR CODE PLAY

SMBA strongly believes in creating a safe and respectful environment for all our players, officials, coaches, parents, & spectators. *All players, parents, and coaches must abide by the fair play code.*

### AS A PLAYER I WILL:

- Play by the rules & in the spirit of the game.
- Control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- Respect my opponents.
- Do my best to be a true team player. Remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends & doing my best are as important.
- Acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
- Participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me & I will show them respect.

### AS A COACH I WILL:

- Ensure that all athletes get fair playing time, instruction, and support.
- Be reasonable when scheduling games & practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- Teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- Not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- Remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- Make sure that equipment and facilities are safe & match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect.
- Be generous with praise & set a good example.
- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- Work in partnership with parents & players.
- Treat other coaches, players and referees with respect & yelling at participants will not be condoned.

### AS A PARENT I WILL:

- Remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Not force my child to participate in sports. Never question the official's judgment. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
- Supervise all of my children that attend the game that I am watching.
- I will be on my best behavior at all times and will not use profane language or harass players, coaches, referees, league administrators or volunteers.



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## Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association

# ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

### WE PLAY/COACH/REFEREE BASKETBALL BECAUSE IT'S...

- ↳ FUN
- ↳ EXCITING
- ↳ LEARNING AND DOING NEW SKILLS
- ↳ BEING ON A TEAM
- ↳ BEING WITH FRIENDS
- ↳ AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT
- ↳ WINNING
- ↳ GETTING REWARDS
- ↳ FUN BEING ABUSED?

“THE #1 REASON FOR  
PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS  
QUITTING THE GAME IS  
ABUSE”

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Amateur sport is played, coached, officiated and watched by fans that share a passion for the game. Therefore, getting caught up in the excitement of competition is normal but occasionally there are those whose actions that go beyond the intended spirit of amateur athletics.

With this in mind the SMBA would like to remind everyone that the most important aspect of our community league is **Fair Play**. The SMBA observes the **"True Sport"** movement which promotes, **Sportsmanship, Leadership, Cooperation, Team Work** and challenging our youth to be the best they can be.

**"Anyone directing abusive comments towards an official, gym supervisor, player or spectator will be reported to the Discipline Committee"**

All players, coaches and spectators are asked to **"respect"** those who officiate the game by accepting the official's ruling as final. A coach however, may calmly ask for further clarification of a ruling but only during a stoppage in play.

Prior to each game, officials will remind coaches of the league's ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.

To maintain a positive environment coaches are encouraged to share this information with players, parents and fans. Officials and gym supervisors have the right to eject those who do not observe the policy.

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**"When players, coaches, parents and officials recognize the value of each persons contribution to the game, the game is better for everyone"**

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