

## ALL NLU PARENTS ARE HELD TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

Communicate with coaches of any issues concerning behavior that could be deemed detrimental to the players future success in life. Whether educationally, socially or emotionally. NLU wants all our players to be successful in all aspects of life. Bad grades and behaviors will not automatically result in dismissal from the team, but will allow the organization to help create individual interventions that'll assist parents with getting players back on track.

Communication of missed practices and games is required. Coaches must be informed:

- of missed practices must be at least 2 hours before. Absences without required communication may result in decreased playing time for next games. Unless under extenuating circumstances; however, communicate immediately.
- of missed games must be at least 3 days prior. Absences without required communication may result in decreased playing time for the next games. Unless under extenuating circumstances; however, communicate immediately.

Participating in fundraiser opportunities is required to receive a portion of funds raised.

Parents are encouraged to support their teams while showing respect for all players, coaches, officials, spectators, and other parents.

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, officials, spectators or other parents. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.



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Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

The coach's voice and directions should be followed above any other influences. It is the coach that decides playing time, and sending messages to players contrary to the coaches directions, could negatively affect the player, and team chemistry.

Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the playing field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.

Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or abuse your child at any time – it is destructive. Work towards eradicating all forms of abuse in youth sports.

Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them. If you have questions or concerns, address them face to face (or via email), at a calm time, in a calm manner as mature adults.

Refrain voicing ill feeling towards/about the organization or coaches in front of the player. This could create a divide and put the player in a no win situation when having to choose between the parent and their team. Any and all frustrations should be communicated with coaches or the Board of Directors.

Remember the big picture is player's growth both on and off the court. Parents and coaches working together is exponentially more beneficial to the player's development.

If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the sport – and volunteer. Scorekeepers are always needed in order for the game to be played, be willing to pitch and rotate this position.

Understand your child's rights to play in an environment free from harassment and/or abuse in any form. Report any such incidents immediately.



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