



Skyline Boys Select Basketball Standards for Parents

Family is an important part of Skyline Boys Select Basketball (SBSB) and your support is key to making the experience enjoyable for your son and his teammates. There are four roles involved in the program: player, coach, referee, parent. We ask you to spend 100% of your energy and passion as a Parent. We believe that means the following standards of attitude and behavior:

- **Be positive** - Please refrain from yelling at and criticizing anyone during games or practices. Exercise your powerful influence to build the team spirit we value and cheer loudly for your son and all of his teammates.
- **Empower the Coach** - Refrain from coaching and shouting instructions to your son during games and practices, as they may be inconsistent with the coach's instructions and objectives of the team. Even if they are not, it may inevitably force your son to tune you out, which is most often an unintended consequence. Trust your coaches and let them coach while encouraging your son to follow his coach's instructions.
- **Support the Coach** - Do not make negative comments about the coaches in front of your son as it can undermine the coach-player relationship. We expect the same from our Coaches. Support the coaches and stand behind their decisions, even if the decisions are not ones you would make if you were the coach. Parents are welcome to contact the head coach to discuss any concerns, keeping in mind the best time to do so is separate from a practice or a game, and not when players are present. For questions or concerns about playing time, playing positions, game strategy/tactics, or other topics that are related specifically to your son, we encourage you to encourage him to have a constructive conversation with his coach first. Parents are encouraged to contact the SBSB Player's Agent about concerns regarding a coach after attempting to resolve it constructively with their son's head coach first.
- **Silence with the Referees** - Do not harass the referees about calls, or yell at opposing coaches or players. The Parent and Coach are the key models for what we are trying to teach the players around emotional control and mental toughness in the face of adversity (e.g. not reacting to bad calls).