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WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

JUNIOR PARTICIPATION ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

PURPOSE

In an effort to provide participants with a healthy, safe and developmental athletic environment that encourages fair play, effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. Woodville District Basketball Club (WDBC) supports a Zero Tolerance Policy for players, parents, coaches, game officials, umpires, team officials, league administrators and spectators. This policy requires that a sportsmanlike and developmentally positive atmosphere exist before, during and after all Woodville District Basketball Club Juniors sanctioned events.

POLICY

All WDBC Juniors players, coaches, team officials, administrators and parents are expected to conduct him/herself in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times before, during and after WDBC Juniors sanctioned events. Good conduct is expected to extend to umpires, game officials, spectators, as well as to opposing players, coaches and parents.

The following is WDBC Juniors Zero Tolerance Policy:

PLAYERS

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- Uses obscene or vulgar language and/or gestures at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player
 persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall
 result if the player continues such action.
- Displays unsportsmanlike behaviour toward any player, coach or spectator.

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COACHES

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision with the intent of inciting the
 officials, players or spectators. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be
 assessed a game misconduct penalty.

OFFICIALS

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS

Parents and spectators are required to conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to the safety and development of junior player.

- Use of obscene or vulgar language and or gestures in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.

In addition, the WDBC Codes of Conduct for parents and spectators should be adhered to:

Failure to abide by WDBC Juniors Zero Tolerance Policies may result in disciplinary actions against the player(s), parent(s) and/or spectator(s) involved, at the sole discretion of the WDBC Board.