



## **Ridley JR ABA COACHES OBLIGATIONS**

Each Coach will ensure that his/her conduct is that of a lady or gentleman during the competition and after its conclusion. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the Coach is expected to:

- Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest - a familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of their necessity for a fair contest are essential. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner – to criticize the officials is to teach young people to disregard the "authority principle."
- Cheer for your team in a positive, supportive manner, refraining at all times from making hostile, negative, or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
- Show respect for the opponent at all times. The opponents should be treated as guests; greeted cordially on arriving; given the best accommodations; and accorded the tolerance, honesty, and generosity, which all human beings deserve.
- Maintain self-control at all times - a prerequisite of good sportsmanship is understanding that rational behavior and personal testimony are more important than the desire to win. Good sportsmanship is concerned with the behavior of all involved in the game (coach, players, cheerleaders, teachers, parents, and other spectators).
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of the game, win or lose.
- Realize, accept and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on sportsmanship, courtesy and citizenship of its coaches and fans.
- Recognize and appreciate skill in performance, regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good will that should not be looked on as treason. The ability to recognize quality in performance and the willingness to acknowledge it without regard to team membership is one of the most highly commendable gestures of good sportsmanship.

All our coaches, directors and volunteers must abide by the Ridley JR ABA Coaches Obligations and Responsibilities whenever participating in a sponsored activity. All coaches, directors and volunteers must acknowledge the policy and that failure to follow this may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension or banishment from Ridley JR ABA activities.