

## *Happy New Year!*

Welcome back to the league season! The next few weeks will take us through the final league games of the 2018-2019 basketball season.

We are reaching out to you, to remind you of the significance of **'Good Sportsmanship'**.

**Good Sportsmanship** is the most important aspect of the game!

Sometimes games may get intense, heated and even personal. Therefore, it is the duty of every coach to discuss the value of **Good Sportsmanship** and how it must be applied in sticky situations. Coaches, spectators and players must understand the difference between acceptable behavior and unacceptable behavior.

Remember, **Good Sportsmanship** is a style and an attitude, and it can have a positive influence on everyone around you. It starts with showing respect for yourself, your teammates, your opponents, for the coaches on both teams, for the referees and other officials.

**Coaches** – it is your obligation to develop the skills of your players and to mentor your players by setting the example of **Good Sportsmanship**.

**Parents** – it is your obligation to support your child and all team members whether it is a practice or a game. Cheer your team on, refrain from coaching from the bleachers, and refrain from making negative comments about the opposing team and the game officials.

**Good Sportsmanship** will make the game experience much more fun and it will be appreciated by both the coach and the players.

**Players** – respect and communicate with your coach. work on developing your skills, respect and work with your teammates. Display **Good Sportsmanship** toward your opponents and the game officials.

Please take a moment and view the video: **Time Out: The Culture of Referee Abuse...**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FffKptMt3-c>

*Help us Celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!*

*Let's end the remainder of this basketball season on a high note!!!*