

## Parent Game Etiquette

**We expect good sportsmanship from the coaches, players and parents.** Coaches constantly tell the players that they control three things - how they act, what they say & how they play. Everything else doesn't matter. If the ref misses a call or makes a mistake, that's okay. This is supposed to be a fun & learning experience for the kids.

**We also want to remind parents to please refrain from coaching from the sidelines.** As we progress through the season, the players will develop and their "on-court" coaching comes from teammates. When a well intentioned parent is yelling instructions from the side line, players become hesitant (versus just reacting to the play) and this hurts the player's development and the team's performance. The coaches will talk to the players when they come to the sidelines. Nine times out of ten, the player will know what they should have done. *Mistakes are learning opportunities.*

Just remember the adage, "**Players play, referees ref, coaches coach, and parents cheer - everyone has to know their role.**" Parents are encouraged to cheer loudly and praise every good play that you see such as a great pass, good defense, nice teamwork, etc.