



SOUTHERN KINGS BASKETBALL MENTORING PROGRAM

Southern Kings Basketball is dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in sports through the creation and enforcement of the code of conduct. The code of conduct defines the expectations for coaches, parents, spectators, officials, and players in the program. Southern Kings firmly believes that the sports experience is to be a positive, safe, and an enjoyable learning experience for youth of the program.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the court, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will gauge my behavior as representative of the Judeo-Christian faith

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

- I will commit to do my best to learn the game of basketball and to play well with others on the team.
- I understand this is a team sport and I will make every effort to attend all practices and all games, on time and prepared to play.
- I will follow the rules, participate in fair play and exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the court.

- I will try my best, try to perform well at all times, to win gracefully and accept defeat in the proper perspective.
- I will treat all the players with respect and good sportsmanship whether on or off the court.
- I understand the referee's decisions are not mine to question. I will not make comments about nor talk to the referees about any calls made on the court.
- I will follow my coach's instructions and will treat him/her and any other coach with respect.
- I will exhibit respect for the referees, coaches, and other players. I will speak with the referees, coaches and other players in a civil, calm manner. I will not openly berate, taunt or otherwise comment negatively on the referees, coaches, or other players.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the court, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will gauge my behavior as representative of the Judeo-Christian faith

PLAYING TIME IN AN AAU PROGRAM

Playing time in an AAU program is solely based on the coaching staff's decision. The coaches will allot playing time that puts the team in the best position to win in an organized competition. This amount of playing time may differ from what the Athlete or Athlete's parent deems as adequate. As stated in the Players' and Parents' code of conduct above confrontation or berating of coaches will not be tolerated. A scheduled meeting between Coach and Player and/or Parent can be arranged to discuss strength and weaknesses in the Player's game.

PHYSICAL CONFRONTATIONS

Physical confrontation of a coach, player, parent, Southern Kings staff, or Tournament official including referees by any person within the program is grounds for dismissal from the Southern Kings AAU Program without recourse or financial refund. The Physical Confrontation rule will also include threats of violence and intimidation by verbal abuse.

By signing this document I confirm that I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by Code of Conduct stated above. I understand my involvement with the program is contingent upon my ability to honor the Code of Conduct and be a positive representation of myself and the Southern Kings Basketball Mentoring Program at all times. My failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in my immediate removal from the program without recourse or financial refund.

Player Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Parent Printed Name _____ Signature _____