

## Kettering-Largo-Mitchellville Boys & Girls Club (KLMBGC) Code of Conduct

- f* Parents and spectators are encouraged to relieve the pressure of competition by stressing the importance of having fun. Players should not be pressured by excessive excitement or tension on behalf of the parent and spectators.
- f* Coaches will emphasize their leadership role while performing their function on the court or field. Parents and spectators are reminded that they are not to question any decision of the coach or from any of the referees while the team is on the playing court or field.
- f* Excessive screaming or directing inflammatory remarks to coaches, players or referees is strictly prohibited. Only cheering of a positive nature should be encouraged.
- f* Under no circumstances will a parent or spectator be allowed to enter upon the playing court or field during active play.
- f* Parents and spectators are to avoid conflicts with parents or other spectators from the opposing team. A designated area for each team will be specified prior to the game. Every effort will be made to separate these areas as far apart as possible.
- f* Good sportsmanship is always encouraged. Parents and spectator should be gracious winners and good losers. Every game will conclude with each player shaking hands.
- f* Conversations across the playing area between parent, spectator and player are discouraged. No cross court communications will be allowed during the game. Avoid additional distractions whenever possible.
- f* Parents and spectators will be given a set of rules. Parents should teach these to their son or daughter.
- f* Punctuality and proper dress are a major responsibility of the parents. Tardiness to practices and games cannot be tolerated. In addition, improper dress on the court or field creates unnecessary difficulties for the coach, player and his/her teammates.
- f* Setting an example for your son or daughter to follow is the most important aspect of parent behavior. Players tend to imitate and emulate the behavior of their parents religiously, without any evaluation of its veracity.

KLMBGC feels the above rules of behavior should improve the coach, parent and player relationship. However, if a parent or spectator continually disobeys the established rules and regulations the following solutions will be applied:

- Removal of the parents' son or daughter from the game
- Removal of the son or daughter from our program

No player will be allowed to participate in the basketball program if his/her parent cannot abide by the rules and regulations governing the athletic game. It is better to sacrifice one player whose parent does not follow the rules than to jeopardize the established standards.

Join in for an **EXCITING, FUN SEASON!**