



Wolfpack Basketball: Parent Pledge Letter



Your #1 job is to support your child's emotional well-being. Encourage her/him regardless of what happens in the game. In the spirit of Honoring the Game I commit to the following by initialing each section of the Pledge Document and signing at the bottom.

- 1) I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting him/her at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices or I will have arranged for a ride for my child from other parents. This shows respect for the coach, and it tells my child that she or he is my top priority. _____

- 2) I pledge to use positive encouragement to build my child's confidence because athletes do their best when they feel good about themselves. I understand that fewer than 1% of youth sports participants receive college/university scholarships and that the top three reasons kids play sports are a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective. **Therefore, I will let my child know I appreciate it when he or she tries hard, even when unsuccessful.** _____

- 3) I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child. I understand that this is the coach's job. I understand that games are chaotic times for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates, and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and other players for both teams. _____

- 4) I pledge to be a good role model. Honor the Game when you attend games. Cheer both teams when good plays are made. If, in your opinion, an officiating mistake is made, be silent! Use this as an opportunity to think about how difficult it is to officiate a game perfectly. _____

- 5) I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's coach in my child's presence. I understand that my child's coach is volunteering their time for my child's benefit. I may not agree with all the coach's decisions but I know my child will grow from the experience. I understand that public criticism plants a negative seed in my child's head and negatively influences my child's motivations and overall experience. _____

I know that by living up to these commitments my child will have a great athletic experience. Therefore, I will honor the Parent Pledge in my words and actions.

Parent Signature

Print athletes name

Please be aware that, consistent with Parkland School Division #70 Policy, parents who cannot abide by this code of conduct will not be welcome in the gym while our teams are playing.