



Basketball Basics for Parents and Players

We are excited to begin a new basketball season and to have the opportunity to teach your child to play the game of basketball. We have developed a very good relationship with the schools where we play. We all need to respect the facilities and remind those around us that it is a privilege to be able to use them. The following are some basic rules, which will make for a great season

Play Ball Parents:

Appreciate the facilities: We can demonstrate this by following some simple rules.

- Absolutely **no smoking on any school property**, smoking is against school policy.
- **No outdoor footwear in gyms.** Parents are to remove footwear when entering gym areas. At all times for everyone (coaches, visiting teams and parents) when entering Windsor Elementary.
- **No food or drinks other than water in gyms**

Understand there is a potential for our teams to get bumped due to other scheduled events like school activities. We have to be flexible in our approach to scheduling.

Parents are fans: Cheering during games is a great way to encourage your child and the team. Do not shout out instructions, it confuses the children and it makes it difficult for them to hear and learn the coach's voice. Great fans make for a great atmosphere. Have fun with the parents from other teams.

Be early not late: Consistent arrival times and attendance teaches the children respect for team-mates and coaches. Gym time is at a premium so when a time is given for practice that is when it should start.

Cancellations: When a school is closed due to weather, basketball will be cancelled. (The only exception to this rule may be older teams that play out of King's-Edgehill School.) Coaches will do their best to reschedule games but the schedule is not a guarantee of the number of games. Only drive in weather you are comfortable, we are developing an "Information Center" on the website to assist parents with driving decisions.

Help out the Coach Parent involvement is key to the success of the association and for the children who play. Help out the coach by asking what needs to be done, do not assume. Parents who go on the floor or approach a bench are out of bounds. All parents should expect to assist with game time set up. Someone should volunteer to learn about score keeping and operating score board. Talk to your coach about helping out regularly.

Go with the flow: There will be times when we will get bumped due to school events. We try to minimize these but they do occur.

Concerns are to be addressed with coaches to determine what is best for all of the children. Any issues or concerns can be brought to the attention of the Board. Coaches have authority over the teams they coach. All issues concerning teams or coaching will be handled by the Basketball Coordinator.

Play Ball Players: Have fun....play hard

Players are to bring a ball to practice and wear indoor footwear.

Players are to wear uniforms to games including the Shooting Star T as a warm up top.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to game times. Players arriving after the tip off may not be permitted to play. This is a coaching decision but the rules are that players not on the score sheet cannot play. This will allow for appropriate warm up time and set up.

Be a good team mate, encourage others and remember listening is the greatest basketball skill.

This and more information is on the website. www.shootingstarbasketball.ca