

# PLAY KIND

## Hoopfest Rules for Sportsmanship

- **Show respect for your opponents.** Remember the Golden Rule: Treat your opponent the way you would want them to treat you.
- **Show respect for the monitors.** Court monitors are trained and expected to be impartial guides and arbitrators of Hoopfest games. Sportsmanship requires the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the monitors. Remember, monitors are volunteers; without them, there would be no Hoopfest!
- **Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of Hoopfest.** A familiarity with the rules of Hoopfest and the recognition of their necessity for a fair contest is essential. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules. (Please note that Hoopfest rules allow for technical fouls or disqualification for severe cases of unsportsmanlike behavior.)
- **Keep your cool!** Sportsmanship requires the discipline to maintain your perspective no matter what happens in a game, whether you're playing or watching.
- **Cheer for your players and the other team!** Applause for a good performance of an opponent is a demonstration of generosity and good will.

## Hoopfest requires that players and fans refrain from:

- Yelling during the opponent's free-throw attempts, or anytime in a disrespectful manner, or to distract your opponents.
- Booing, heckling or antagonizing a monitor, coach or player.
- Blaming the loss of a game on monitors or coaches.
- Using profanity or displaying anger that draws attention away from the game.
- Technical, flagrant, and intentional fouls against you, your teammates, or fans will result in the opposing team receiving one-point and possession of the ball.
- **Furthermore:**  
The Team Captains or the designated Parent/Coach are the only people, other than the Players, whom are permitted to address the Court Monitor. Any Fans or Parents whom negatively address a Court Monitor, Marshal or Tournament Official shall be assessed a technical foul to their team.

**Practice good sportsmanship! Others will thank you for it!**