



STRATHALBYN & DISTRICTS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

To all parents and supporters

We are privileged to be able to work with your son or daughter for the next 12 months and hopefully beyond.

We know and appreciate the enormous personal sacrifices you make, so that your son or daughter can be involved in a worthwhile pursuit. Our success would not be possible without your support.

The time, personal and financial sacrifices our coaches make is balanced by the rewards of success, personal friendship and the opportunity to work with some of the finest young people.

Please be supportive of them. They have to make many decisions every day concerning the welfare of the team and the individual players, and it is not easy. Effective communication is the key between yourself and the coaches.

If you have positive feedback please provide this at any time. If however you have issues that need to be resolved, please follow the appropriate process:

1. Wait a night and then talk to the coach. 95% of problems are resolved here. Coaches are instructed not to deal with negative feedback following a game.
2. If the issue persists, or you feel you can not talk to the coach, you should then contact the secretary or president of the association, to take the matter to the committee.

Please follow the above process. Coaching and club management will not deal with issues that have not followed proper procedure. This ensures that everyone communicates and deals with each other openly, honestly and with integrity (a core value of the Strathalbyn & District Basketball Association). During games or trainings, please support the whole team, not just your son or daughter individually. Coaching from the sidelines, no matter how little or great your knowledge, is not appropriate. The coach is the sole source of technical feedback.

By all means, be passionate and vocal. Give encouragement to the team, and praise good play by the opponents. Refrain from negative feedback towards referees, without them we have no game.

Finally, the Association and its committee and coaches make many decisions daily for the benefit of the interests of the Strathalbyn & District Basketball Association first and foremost. Most of the time, these have only positive consequences. Some of the time, they have short-term negative impact on individuals. Accept both of these equally, and educate your child on how to handle success as well as how to negotiate hurdles they encounter. Their ability to cope with both success and failure is the most important lesson we can teach them. It will prepare them to become great citizens, which is our ultimate goal and the mission of Strathalbyn & District Basketball Association.

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