



Limerick Lions



Basketball Ireland Policy Guidelines for Parents

Basketball Ireland is committed to providing a safe and a fair environment for all juvenile players. Our first priority is the welfare of young players and we are committed to providing an environment, which will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

Basketball Ireland also has a duty of care for volunteers working with juveniles on behalf of the organization.

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with officials and organizers.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Always behave responsibly on the sidelines and do not seek to unfairly affect the game on court or the player on court.
- Take care not to expose any junior player, intentionally or unintentionally, to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognize the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child.
- Respect referees, coaches, organizers and other players.
- Do not publicly question the judgment or honesty of referees, coaches or organizers.
- Teach your child that honest endeavor is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
- Encourage mutual respect for team mates and opponents.

Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive and bullying behavior in all its forms:

Child to Child – includes physical aggression, verbal bullying, intimidation, or isolation.

Adult to Child – includes the use of repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature, or any comment intended to degrade a child.

Adult to Adult – includes verbal aggression towards other adults in order to achieve a beneficial outcome for own self or own child.

Child to Adult – includes repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature by an individual child or group of children.