

## Our Parent Agreement

# Cougars Care

**Parents are Important!** Parents are an important of the success of a team. Your child and the coach will need your support throughout the season.

**Great sportsmanship!** Parents of our student-athletes are also representatives of our school, which means parents will strive to set a good example for your child by always demonstrating the highest standards of sportsmanship. Our community will not criticizing the officials, coaches, players, or opponents. This is a youth sport and everyone will make mistakes, including the referees and coaches. Let's be a people of grace!

**Inspiring and Encouraging Fans!** Watch, cheer, and support the efforts of all players on the floor. Keep all comments positive and encouraging. Avoid negative comments about any player, coach, official, or fan. Let's set the standard of inspiring and encouraging fans!

**We allow the Coaches to Coach!** Coaches are recruited by the school and have the support of the school in their ability to teach the game to your child. Our community will avoid coaching from the stands as it only confuses the players on the court/field. Strive to support the coaches when talking in front of your child or other players so as not to undermine the coaches' decisions and the relationships they're building with the players. Remember that the coach is doing their best to provide a service to your child. It is understood that you may, at times, disagree with a coaching decision, but our community will refrain from discussing this in front of our children as it may strain the coach/player relationship.

**We approach our coaches respectfully with concerns!** Players should be able to discuss any issue with their coach first. Most of the time this will resolve any problem. However, if the problem still exists, the parent should contact the coach to set up a meeting to resolve the issue. If you have a concern or complaint to discuss with the coach, please schedule a meeting or phone call with the coach. These should not be brought to the coach before, during, or after a game or practice unless it is an immediate emergency to the team.

**We prioritize attending practice and games!** Being at all practices and games is very important to the success of the team. If for some reason you are not able to transport your child on time, please make other arrangements for transportation for the benefit of the team. Our coaches all have other responsibilities they need to get to after practices and games, so please be diligent in being there within 10 minutes at the conclusion of practices or games.

**We care about how we present ourselves!** Please be diligent in keeping the uniform clean and free of rips and tears. Remember to be on your best behavior when wearing a Cougar uniform.