



General Principles for Parents

Here are some guidelines that will help your child succeed in Jr Jazz through your support. The following is a suggested guideline for parents:

- 1 Understand the daily pressures a child faces. Basketball should be an outlet and place for a player to have fun. Encourage your child and allow him or her to have a good time.
- 2 Remember that your child learns more from your actions than your words. Practice good sportsmanship by being respectful to players, parents, and coaches on both teams.
- 3 Parents should appreciate the efforts made by both teams. There is nothing wrong with applauding a good play made by the opponents.
- 4 Parents should support the coach, as the coach follows proper coaching guidelines. Parents should understand that all coaches are volunteers. It is inappropriate for a parent to coach a player who is on the field/court. Not only does it devalue the coach, it also confuses the player.
- 5 Parents should not embarrass their child by calling attention to themselves through loud or rude behavior.
- 6 Don't be a criticizing coach - be a parent. Offer encouragement and positive reinforcement. A sure way to dampen your child's enthusiasm is with constant criticism.
- 7 Parents should encourage discipline by having their children arrive on time for practices and games.
- 8 Parents should help their children realize that belonging to a team requires commitment. Regular attendance and being prepared are necessary for the team to function smoothly.
- 9 Parents should volunteer their services whenever possible. This shows the participants the value of being a team player.
- 10 **Parents should respect the officials and their calls. It is okay to disagree, but inappropriate to criticize, mock, or belittle the official.**