



# KANSAS CITY KEYS BASKETBALL PARENT GUIDE

## **Welcome to the Kansas City Keys 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Basketball Invitational Tournament!**

We hope your son and/or daughter will have a good basketball experience with the Kansas City Keys. With that said, we also have some expectations from parents, grandparents, and anyone who might be attending games and/or practices. In light of incidents at youth sports competitions, we want the league to be a good learning experience for all participants involved. Outlined below are the expectations of all who attend practices and/or games.

- If you have special talents, skills, knowledge and wish to support our efforts please volunteer your time as a coordinator, door staff, league assistant, education programming, fundraising committee or media assistant.
- We want to encourage all of the youth who play in this league; some are just beginning and some have played for a few years. **ALWAYS** encourage the youth with positive statements.
- If you have a problem with a coaching style or philosophy, please approach the coach or coaches in a professional manner. It is best to do this away from the youth or if possible with a telephone call. It is never good to confront a coach in front of the children.
- During the games please respect the referees. Their job is not an easy job! They make mistakes like we all do. The coaches will handle all issues with the referees.
- If, a situation arises where a fan becomes unruly they may be asked to leave the building. The league director will have the call in this matter. It is our hope that this situation never arises. If, the person asked to leave will not leave, the team that person represents will forfeit the game. The youth should be our main focus. Behavior that is not appropriate will not be tolerated.
- The coaches have a lot to do. You may be asked to help with some of the administrative duties such as being a phone coordinator. A phone coordinator is someone who calls all the players in case of a cancelled game or practice. You also may be called upon to help run some drills. Any time you are asked to help, please do so. The coaches will need your help from time to time! Thank you in advance.
- Please be prompt with getting the youth to practice and picking them up. **NONE** of the coaches are paid. They have volunteered their time because they feel called to do this. Many of them have families just like you. Their time is important also. Be respectful of this.

We are looking forward to working with your child. We want to teach them respect, teamwork, and the game of basketball to the best of our abilities. Always support your child and all that they do. We are looking forward to having a rewarding basketball experience!