

The volunteers of GNAA strive to provide a positive sports experience for every child in our community. Please help us meet this goal by conforming to our Zero Tolerance Policy:

As parents, you are encouraged and welcomed to attend all of your child's games and practices, if you desire.

We promote the support of the children by their parents and believe that it is very important for parents to be involved in their child's life and activities as much as possible. In recent seasons, some parents and spectators have exhibited extremely bad behavior. At this time, we want to make the following very clear - We are taking a "**Zero Tolerance**" approach to poor behavior displayed by parents, players, or spectators. Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be held to the same by the Coaches Code of Ethics, which is signed by all involved.

1. Nobody (not a parent, child, spectator, coach or assistant coach) may approach a referee, umpire, gym supervisor, score table, etc. to argue a call or play made. In any sport, there will sometimes be bad calls and as parents you have an obligation to act in a GOOD SPORTSMANLIKE manner, whether you agree with the call or not.

2. If you do create a scene, you will be asked to leave the game. Depending on your behavior you might even be banned from coming to future games or your child may not be permitted to play sports with GNAA.

3. Further, you are not to argue, swear, scream or loudly disagree with any other parent or official, or player on your team or opposing teams while on our fields or courts. Our children should never witness such displays.

4. No parent is to say anything to opposing players unless it is a positive comment. Plain and simple. Some of the things that have been shouted at children who just want to play sports have been totally inappropriate and again, we will not allow such actions.

If anyone is asked to leave a game by the referee, umpire, gym supervisor or a GNAA Board member, they will need to leave immediately. If they do not leave, the police will remove that individual(s). We sincerely hope to never have to remove even one parent from their child's game but it is our obligation to maintain control, safety and a healthy atmosphere for the entire team.

Everybody is here for the same reason – to let our children have fun playing sports. Recreation league sports are not designed to be highly competitive and we don't promote that kind of competition within our program. It is the opportunity for children to participate, meet new friends and learn. Many of these children may never make school teams but they want to play and deserve to play in a "hassle-free" environment.

As GNAA Volunteer Board Members, it is our duty to ensure we make this a positive experience for your child and every other child, as well. Know that the entire GNAA Board is made up of volunteers who are parents and that we are here to make certain the children in our community have an equal opportunity to play the sports that they may not otherwise have the chance to play.

We welcome your comments and suggestions, and as the largest community recreation association in the city, we are always looking for volunteers to help within our program.

We hope everyone has a positive season and thank you for choosing Great Neck Basketball!

Thanks Again!

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