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Kent Panthers Parent and Spectator Behaviour Policy

The Kent Panthers Basketball Club is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants, spectators, and officials. This policy applies to all Panthers games and outlines the expected behaviour for parents and spectators attending these events.

All spectators of Panthers games will:

- Not use offensive, discriminatory, or obscene language or gestures.
- Not harass or verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials, or fellow spectators in any form.
- Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or political affiliation.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms and refrain from any violent or aggressive behaviour.
- Show respect for opponents and match officials. Without them, there would be no game.
- Acknowledge good performance and fair play by opponents as well as by your own team.
- Remember that players are taking part for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Not ridicule players who make mistakes.
- Not overemphasise the importance of winning.
- Not enter the court unless authorised otherwise.
- Not shout abuse at officials, coaches, players, or other spectators.
- Not shout out or argue calls made by officials.
- Any disagreements with opposition coaches or officials must be directed to the head coach or team management. They will review the situation and determine the appropriate course of action as a group if necessary.
- Spectators are not permitted to directly engage with or question officials or opposition coaches about match outcomes during or after the game.
- Spectators are strictly prohibited from entering the court during match play or practice sessions and must remain in the designated seating areas at all times.
- Verbal abuse from the spectator area towards coaches, officials, or players will not be tolerated. Shouting or questioning decisions made during the game is unacceptable.

By attending Kent Panthers games, you agree to adhere to this policy. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue and further action if deemed necessary by the club.