



2008-2009

## STM BASKETBALL PROGRAM RULES FOR PARENTS AND PLAYERS

Dear Participant:

This season we would like to become better stewards of our wonderful facilities. We would also like to understand the needs of coach volunteers and players. We have identified the following areas needing improvement and have implemented some new rules to make our program more enjoyable.

Thank you.

### Areas needing improvement:

1. **GYM CLEANLINESS.** Last year there were numerous times that the gym was not left in an acceptable condition. Namely, drink containers, spills, chewing gum, books, clothing, trash, etc. were found left all over the building. There were also cases in which the bathrooms were left dirty and even disgraceful, if not disgusting.
2. **HORSEPLAY.** Children not attending practice are often allowed to play freely. This leads to unauthorized entry into the equipment room and other restricted areas of the facility. Ceiling tiles were damaged in the foyer and halls. Equipment was left out.
3. **LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.** Many times children not involved in practice have been observed playing in the gym, in addition to the other areas of the building. Since most practices involve more than one team, this sometimes leads to a chaotic atmosphere. Coaching is difficult with this type of distraction.

### GYM USE RULES

1. **Parents must attend their team meeting which will be held at the first or second practice.**
2. **Siblings and non-players are discouraged from being on the premises during practices. Most issues have arisen from unsupervised children in the building. If they must be present, access is limited to the bleachers. ADULT SUPERVISION will be required and it is expected that that these children will not be horsing around.**
3. **NO-ONE is permitted in the equipment room, on the stage, stage steps, art wing, or youth room.**
4. **NO HORSEPLAY will be allowed in the building. This includes playing ball in areas other than the court.**
5. **Players arriving early may not interfere with a practice already in progress. Players must leave the gym floor promptly at the end of their practice time.**

6. Parents will be expected to participate in the gym monitoring program. At each practice and home game, the team manager will make sure at least one parent is enforcing the gym rules. This can be the same parent or a different parent each week. In addition, when this parent arrives at practice, they will do a quick general sweep of the gym building including the halls, youth room and bathrooms. The gym monitor will let the coach know of any problems (trash, bathrooms left messy, anything broken, etc) left from the previous team practice. The monitor will also do a check at the end of their own practice.
7. During home games, no children will be allowed to roam freely in the gym building. Again, horseplay will not be tolerated.
8. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE GYM**
9. Uniforms for grades 6-8 must be turned in to your team manager no later than one week after the end of basketball season. No uniforms should ever be put in a drier! Please hang dry uniforms.
10. Coaches will keep the signed copy of these rules.

**I agree to the rules outlined above.**

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian)

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
(player)