

**LAKOTA THUNDERBIRD YOUTH BASKETBALL**  
**GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP COACH'S PLEDGE**

- I will focus on teaching basketball fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and how to have fun playing the game. Winning is a secondary objective.
- I will be prepared for practice and help make my team competitive at their level.
- I promise to communicate with parents and keep them informed in a timely fashion.
- I will ask for help from the Thunderbird organization & parents when I need it.
- I understand the influence I may have on a child. I will conduct myself in a responsible manner.
- I may raise my voice to get attention, but **never** to humiliate a player. I don't want anyone to be afraid to make a mistake. Learning from mistakes makes for better players.
- I will conduct myself in a respectful and professional manner with officials, players, & parents.
- I will not discuss issues with a parent in front of a player.
- I promise to never forget, "***THIS IS FOR THE KIDS!!***"

**As a Lakota Thunderbird Youth Basketball Coach, I understand that my actions reflect on myself, my team, & the entire Thunderbird organization. I will conduct myself appropriately & within the spirit of the above guidelines which I have read.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_