



## ATTENDANCE AND COMMITMENT

By now most of our teams have started into their regular practice schedules and routines. For the most part this usually amounts to two practices per week and a total of 3 to 4 hours in the gym.

Unlike the Saturday Skills Program, Rep Basketball requires considerably more team skill development as well as individual skills. That means if your child is not prepared to play in the game this poses a real problem for the coaches.

In the younger ages where the fair play rule is applied this problem affects both the team and child's ability to be successful.

With the older kids a coach may not be able to play a child who has missed practices since that would be unfair to the team, and in fact it would be putting the player in a very difficult position and could cause problems among teammates.

Also it is important to understand that practice is where your child will play the most basketball and learn. Games may be exciting but playing time is limited. The ability to try new things and develop new skills happens in practice. As rep players your children need to understand the importance of practice in their basketball development.

Finally, as parents or guardians you need to understand that practice attendance is an absolute requirement of playing rep basketball. We understand that your child may potentially have other activities or priorities that might conflict with rep basketball. If so we ask you to seriously consider whether or not rep basketball is for you and your child.

Commitment to the team (and the club) is a broader topic. We expect your child and you to support the team's goals over individual goals. We expect a commitment to learning, respect, punctuality, communication, effort and honesty. This includes maintaining and returning your uniform, arriving well in time for games and participating fully in all club activities, including Shootathon.

Thank You.

