

Cooperation

**Scripture: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.”
Psalms 19:14**

Concept: On your team, as in life, everyone will have a more positive experience when each person cooperates with one another. Cooperation on your team means respecting your teammates, your coaches, referees and the players or other teams you play against. Everyone needs to work together on your team. It takes cooperation to make a successful team, versus a successful player.

Quote: “Cooperate! Remember the banana. Every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.” (Hornet’s Hoop Lines)

“You and I cannot determine what other men shall think and say about us. We can only determine what they ought to think of us and say about us.”

Discussion concept: Each player should strive to conduct himself in a way that will make others on the team think and say good things about him.

Discussion concept: Let’s try to make our team a place where we’re glad to see people there and we know each other’s name and we genuinely care about one another.

“Three things are vital to success in sports - condition, fundamentals, and working together as a team. I said that when I played, I said that when I first started coaching, I said that last year, and I will keep on saying it next year, the year after and for the rest of my life.” (Words from former UCLA coach John Wooden from Hornet’s Hoop Lines)