

# PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

*By registering your child, or yourself, you have implicitly agreed to the Parental/Guardian/Spectator Code of Conduct for all activities, practices, and competitions to be held on site, or at other locations.*

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and officials (including the opposing team) at every game, practice or other event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent of either team such as booing, taunting, using profane language or gestures, make insulting comments, verbally threaten, attempt to intimidate, or engage in a physical altercation. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the officials during games and will refrain from questioning, hassling, or confronting officials during or post-game. I will allow coaches to handle all officiating matters.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will remain in the spectator area during competitions and will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I will encourage my player to first discuss any concerns with the Coach. Conflict resolution is an important learned skill, and I will support my child to resolve their own issues particularly to discuss playing time, systems, or issues with teammates.
- If a conflict emerges, I will allow a minimum of 24 hours between parent/player and coach contact. I will contact the coach during reasonable hours (9am-8pm) to make an appointment to discuss issues and concerns. I will treat the coach with the same respect that I expect to be treated with during the meeting.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco (including vaping), and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. Any individual that is under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not attend games. Violators may be asked to leave.
- I will remember that sports are for kids to have fun and that the game is for the youth – not adults. Participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right. I will show respect for all participants at all times.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will not criticize coaches or the organization in a public forum or on social media.

I understand that my responsibilities include setting an example for children and that any breach of those responsibilities will result in the following after an initial warning:

- **Strike One:** Immediate ejection (from game and/or facility)
- **Strike Two:** One game/event suspension and possible suspension for the remainder of the season/session.
- **Strike Three:** Suspension from program/facilities for one year, or lifetime ban depending on severity of situation and possible legal action.