



## **SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Sport Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge:

- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

**Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions being taken to resolve the issue. Actions may include but are not limited to verbal warnings, ejections and/or suspensions. Incidents will be handled how staff deems appropriate based on the severity of the incident.**

I have read the Sport Parent Code of Conduct, and agree to the conditions as stated in this document.

**Participant Last Name** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_