



## Parents/Guardian Code of Conduct

### As a Parent/Guardian I will:

- Encourage my children to participate in sports, and support their desire to play their chosen sport.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Be respectful of and will not embarrass my child by yelling at players, coaches, officials or other parents. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit young athletes. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Become familiar with the rules of the game, and support the officials. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Display good sportsmanship. Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Recognize good plays by both your team and the opposing team with applause.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and officials. They are important to the development of my child and the sport. Communicate with coaches; support their decisions and trust their judgment and integrity.
- Act appropriately; not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents. Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game - win or lose. Recognize good efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene or profane language or gestures.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Abstain from use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances or mind-altering drugs in the presence of student athletes.