

ARAA CODE OF CONDUCT

In an effort to insure a fun yet competitive atmosphere for ARAA Youth Sports, we are asking all families to read and abide by the following guidelines: Participants term = coaches, players, parents, and guests

1. Good sportsmanship must be maintained before, during, and after games and practices by Participants. Parents and guardians will be responsible for the actions of themselves, their guests, and their players.
2. Participants will refrain from castigating, denigrating, or providing any other non-constructive feedback to players, coaches, officials, and spectators. The offense may result in a warning and a code of conduct violation.
3. Participants will refrain from using profanity toward any other person in attendance. The offense may result in a code of conduct violation. For these purposes, "profanity" is defined as commonly known "swear" or "curse" words, and do not include words that would be considered profane due to religious connotations.
4. Any threats or violent physical contact by Participants against other Participants or officials will result in an immediate code of conduct violation. Such actions will also result in immediate suspension from all subsequent ARAA activities until such time as the Board of Directors can convene to review the incident. Such actions can also be deemed to be criminal and dealt with accordingly.
5. Participants will refrain from posting content on any social media that would harm ARAA or damage ARAA's reputation. This includes anything negative towards any Participants. Posting anything with profanity, antagonistic, or degrading comments is a code of conduct violation.
6. Participants who attempt to attend games during a suspension will be issued one warning to leave, after which their team will be considered to have forfeited the game. If a participant attends a practice or a game local law enforcement may be contacted to deal with the issue.
7. Officials and board members may rule a game in forfeit if, in their judgment, conditions are out of control.
8. Participants must follow the 24-hour rule before engaging about a grievance with one another. The 24-hour rule means no communication of any kind regarding the subject at hand between any of the participants involved. This allows time for all parties to cool off and have constructive conversation.

Any Participants of a player receiving sportsmanship-related violation (as defined above) and/or ejections during the season, will be required to abide by the consequences as laid out below. Parents shall ultimately be responsible for the conduct of any invited family members and/or guests of the player.

Consequences for Violating any of the Above

1. Physical abuse violations will result in immediate and permanent dismissal from all ARAA events and programs.
2. A first violation, other than physical abuse, will be a written warning handed down by the commissioner of that sport or ARAA Board of Directors member.
3. A second violation, other than physical abuse, will be a suspension handed down by the the commissioner of that sport or ARAA Board of Directors member. Violators will be suspended from all activities until a full the ARAA Board has reviewed the infraction. This 2nd violation will not have time limitations on the prior infraction. Infractions are cumulative and life long.
4. A 3rd violation will result in the immediate dismissal from all ARAA. programs for 12 months subject to review by the ARAA Board. This 3rd violation will not have time limitations on the prior infraction. Infractions are cumulative and life long.
5. A 4th violation will result in the dismissal of all players within the family in violation being dismissed from all ARAA activities permanently subject to a review by the ARAA Board. This 4th violation will not have time limitations on the prior infraction. Infractions are cumulative and life long.

Any infraction/violation may be cause for immediate removal from the playing facility/area. Refusal to leave may result in law enforcement being contacted to have an individual removed from the facility/area.

* All infractions must be submitted, by that program's sports commissioner, to the ARAA Board of Directors within 96 hours of the incident. The ARAA Board of Directors will review the infraction and determine any and all consequences.

* Any fan, regardless whether they have signed the Code of Conduct Contract will fall under these Violation consequences

Player _____ Signature(s): _____
Date: _____

Parents _____ Signature(s): _____
Date: _____