



## **EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ATHLETES**

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your team and your community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by your team and coaching staff.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than yourself can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport?
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a courteous manner following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote you and your sport. Showing them respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of everyone!

### **COACHES**

- Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete. Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- Please refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators and respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat. Instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship.
- Be no party to the use of profanity, obscene language, or improper actions.

### **SPECTATORS**

- Remember you are at the contest to support and cheer for your team, and to enjoy the skill and competition – not to intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans. Remember that athletics are a learning experience for athletes and mistakes are made.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be obnoxious. Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators, and others. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the athletes, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Parents and spectators should be aware that the facility and event management can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors. Game officials can ask that supervisors have unruly fans removed from a contest facility.
- There is no such thing as a “right” to attend athletic events. Athletics are considered a “privilege” and the spectator who avails themselves of it is expected to conduct himself or herself accordingly.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS ... ENJOY THE EVENT!**