



Player Code of Conduct

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building 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 therefore agree:

1. I will remember that I participate to have fun.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect my safety or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I will be a positive role model for my peers and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
5. I 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.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of others.
7. I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will remind myself that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that I will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or my performance.
10. I will praise my peers for competing fairly, trying hard, and make them feel like winners every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at others for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit me over winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game Field, and will take time to speak with coaches at any agreed upon time and place.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach and/or Executive Director;
- Written warning;



- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file; and/or
- Season suspension.