



# Schwaben AC Parent Pledge

1. I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting them at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices. This shows respect for the coach, and it tells my child that they are my top priority. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I pledge to use positive encouragement to fill my child's Emotional Tank because athletes do their best when their Emotional Tank is full. I understand the top three reasons kids play sports are a) to have fun b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills. I understand that **the game is for the players**, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I pledge to reinforce the ELM Tree of Mastery with my child (E for Effort, L for Learning, and M for bouncing back after Mistakes). Winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from mistakes. **I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how they are doing in comparison to his/her best self.** \_\_\_\_\_
4. I pledge to "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, **I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and officials. I understand that officials make mistakes. If the official makes a "bad" call against my team, I will Honor the Game and be silent.** \_\_\_\_\_
5. I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child. I understand that this is the coach's job. I understand that games are chaotic at time for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates, and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and the other players for both teams. \_\_\_\_\_

6. I pledge to refrain from making comments about my child's teammates and coaches in my child's presence. I understand this plants a negative seed in my child's head that can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's teammates and coaches to other parents, if I have an issue that is important I will request a meeting with the coach. \_\_\_\_\_

**I will honor the Schwaben A.C. Parent Pledge in my words and actions.**

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PARENT SIGNATURE

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