



Sycamore Aves Youth Football and Cheerleading

“Development through Participation”

Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and 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 that:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and learn, and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and organization, and I will abide by those rules and policies at all times.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child or children, and we will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, cheerleader, or parent such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, cheerleaders, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that competing fairly and doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child or children to win.
14. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games and practices. I will never question officials or coaches decisions or argue with or confront an official or coach at the game or practice field.
15. If I have an issue with a coaches conduct or decision, I will speak with the head coach at an agreed upon time and place. If my issue is not resolved by speaking to the head coach, I will speak to the Board Chairman at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team, or I have been invited to help coach by the team's head coach.



I agree that if I fail to abide by this code of conduct or the organization and league rules and policies, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by an Official, Head Coach, and/or Chairman of the organization.
- Written warning.
- Parental game or practice suspension, which will bar the parent from attending games or practices.
- Game forfeit through the Official or Head Coach.
- Parental season suspension, which will bar the parent from attending any remaining practices or games.
- Dismissal from the organization, which will bar the parent and their child or children from participation in the organization.