**PABA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Preamble**

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.” (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

**I therefore agree:**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.

2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not 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

5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child 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.

6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as: booing; taunting; refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures and/or physical contact with the intent to cause harm or injury to any individual while attending P.A.B.A. events.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.

8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence or hostility.

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

10. I will teach my child that doing one’s best are 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 praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any desire I may have for my child to win.

15. 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 the coaches at an agree upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach.

**Disciplinary actions include but is not limited to the following:**

1. Verbal warning by the Head Coach, PABA Board member and/or NEYSA league official

2. Parental meeting with PABA Board of Directors

3. Parental Game Suspension

4. Parental Season Suspension from organization/league for remainder of current season