



PARENT/VOLUNTEER 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."

I therefore agree:

1. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the children ahead of any personal desire I may have to win.
2. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for the children 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.
3. I will praise the children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make them feel like winners every time.
4. I will never ridicule or yell at the children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. I (and my guests) 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; using profane language or gestures; or committing verbal or physical abuse.
6. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials or coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with officials or coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
7. I will refrain from coaching the children during games, and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
8. I will teach the children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand a sports environment for the children that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
10. I will inform the league or the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of the children.
11. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the children.
12. I will demand that the children treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
13. I will teach the children that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that the children will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or their performance.
14. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit the children over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
15. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and follow them.
16. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
17. I understand that failure to comply with any one of the provisions of this Code of Conduct may subject me to any disciplinary action deemed appropriate by either the 4S Ranch Little League, the County of San Diego or the County's Department of Parks and Recreation. Such disciplinary action may include, but may not be limited to, suspension of my child, myself and / or other family members from current or future participation in the League, access to the 4S Ranch Sports Park or access to other County facilities.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____