

## Parent and Participant 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 also understand that if I fail to abide by the codes of conduct listed below, I as a parent/guardian or participant will be subject to disciplinary action.**

### As a Parent/Guardian, I therefore agree:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the general rules and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials & spectators at every game, practice or event.
- 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; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that 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.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will promote the emotional physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 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 an agreed upon time and place.
- 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
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team or I am asked for assistance by one of the coaches.

### As a Participant, I therefore agree:

- It is my own desire to participate in this program. I am not being forced to participate by anyone. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect my safety or the safety of others.
- I will play by the rules and demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, competition, practice or other event and treat each individual equally regardless of their race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront the coaches at the game field. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures at any event or practice.
- I will attend practices and games. I will arrive on time to all practices and games, and will notify my coach if I cannot be there on time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches and learn the rules of the game and the policies of the program
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from the use of any items listed.
- I will do my very best in school, and agree that school will always come before this program.
- I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well being of my teammates or the opposing team members.
- I will always remember that I'm representing the MCAA organization and my actions in and out of uniform should reflect good character.

### PARENT SIGNATURE/DATE:

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### PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE/DATE:

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