

# AASC

## Parents Code of Conduct

Children's sports are supposed to be fun – for the children. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults.

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will respect the officials/coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials/coaches at the game field. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
3. 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.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model(s) 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.
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; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to unsportsmanlike conduct, hostility, or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
8. 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.
9. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. 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.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the AASC disciplinary tribunal. Discipline can include, but is not limited to:

1. Verbal warning by official, head coach, manager, and/or head of league or his designee.
2. Written warning
3. Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by AASC
4. Parental suspension from the club.

**Signature of parents:**

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