

About the AGAA Code of Conduct

The purpose of the code is to set clear guidelines and expectations for everyone who is involved in the AGAA program. That extends beyond the obvious players and coaches to the parents and guests, who attend games and official functions.

For coaches and parents it is simply about the game being for the players. Providing a positive environment and setting a consistent example of fairness and respect.

For the players it is about representing themselves, their families, the team and organization. Being courteous and respectful and being responsible for their actions off and on the field.

A permanent code of ethics committee has been formed to address any issues and administer any disciplinary actions arising from violations of this code.

AGAA Code for Players

- 1. I will represent myself, my family, my team, and the AGAA organization with dignity and integrity at all times.**
- 2. I will play with pride and enthusiasm no matter the circumstances of the game**
- 3. I will support my teammates and maintain a positive attitude even if I am not on the field.**
- 4. I will be courteous and respectful to opponents, game officials, and tournament officials.**
- 5. I will be respectful to my teammates, coaches, and parents.**
- 6. I will refrain from any outbursts of anger, temper, or poor sportsmanship.**
- 7. I will be properly and appropriately dressed for participation on the field.**
- 8. I will be responsible for my own equipment and all AGAA equipment.**
- 9. I will respect and do no harm to any facilities that I use including fields, concession stands, dugouts, and other wise.**
- 10. I will absolutely refrain from any involvement with drugs, tobacco, or alcohol.**
- 11. I will never direct negative cheers or comments toward the opposing team.**
- 12. I will not use vulgar or offensive language or gestures regardless of the circumstance.**

AGAA Code for Managers / Coaches

- 1. I will obtain and maintain current Act 33.**
- 2. I will treat all players and game officials with respect and fairness.**
- 3. I will always promote a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.**
- 4. I will provide training and instruction equally to all players.**
- 5. I will motivate each player to perform at their own maximum skill level.**
- 6. I will not condone the use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any player at any time.**
- 7. I will make the game about the players at all times, not the adults.**
- 8. I will be positive and will promote and practice the ideals of the AGAA organization.**
- 9. I will not engage in profane, insulting, harassing, or abusive language or behavior.**
- 10. I will set a consistent example of self discipline, appearance, and professionalism.**
- 11. I will be fair and consistent in the administration of discipline when appropriate.**
- 12. I will place the physical and emotional well being of every player above winning.**
- 13. I will maintain an environment of open communications with players and parents.**

AGAA Code for Parents / Guardians

- 1. I (and my guest) will conduct myself responsibly at all practices, tournaments, and events.**
- 2. I will remember that the game is about the players and not the parents.**
- 3. I will be a positive role model at all times and promote good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to players, coaches, and other spectators throughout every event.**
- 4. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.**
- 5. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, game officials and spectators with respect at all times.**
- 6. I will discourage any behavior or actions that would endanger the health and well being of any player.**
- 7. I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products while in the presence of the team.**
- 8. I will place the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of my personal desire to win.**

9. I will never publicly ridicule or chastise my child, other players, any coaches, or game officials.
10. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, coach, game official, parent, or spectators.
11. I will refrain from coaching my child, or other players during practices or games unless I am asked to do so by the head coach.
12. I will accept and teach my child to accept that not everyone plays every position and playing time will vary.
13. I (and my guest) will abide by a 24 hour cool-off period before attempting to resolve any confrontational issue with a coach, parent, player, or official.

The Consequences

Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may subject a player, coach, or parent to one or more of the following disciplinary actions

1. A written warning from the AGAA code of ethics committee.
2. One or more games suspension during which you may not participate as a player, coach, or spectator.
3. A suspension for the remainder of the season which you may not participate as a player, coach, or spectator.
4. A permanent suspension from any involvement in the AGAA programs.

All disciplinary actions and decisions will be made by the AGAA code of ethics committee. The committee will consist of 5 members and will have a chair person who will facilitate all meetings and actions of the committee:

- Two AGAA board members
- One or Two AGAA managers or Coaches
- One or Two AGAA parents

All decisions by the committee are final.

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____