



## **AJAA ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AJAA Mission: AJAA provides outstanding opportunities for Avon community youth to develop physically while encouraging growth in teamwork, effort, sportsmanship and character by offering high-quality athletic programming and instruction.**

The AJAA Athletic Code of Conduct and Sanctions are to be read to and understood by all Coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players and parents. The Avon Junior Athletic Association supports youth sport activity that is governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship. This code of Conduct has been prepared as a guide to the expectations of AJAA and applies to everyone involved in AJAA activities regardless of their role or affiliation. Adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the Code is required. Persons unwilling to abide by this Code should reconsider their involvement in AJAA activities.

### **Principles and Expectations:**

- AJAA believes in the principles of fair play, ethical behavior and the right of every individual to fully enjoy the youth sports without undue interference from others.
- AJAA recognizes that participation in competitive activities is a source of strong feelings which will often lead to misunderstandings, disagreements and other conflicts. However, AJAA also believes that every participant has a duty to respect the right of competitors to hold conflicting views.
- AJAA expects its coaches, players, referees, families, and spectators to deal with conflicts in a spirit of good sportsmanship and to cooperate in promoting the enjoyment of sports to the greatest extent possible.
- AJAA expects adherence to both the spirit and the letter of its rules of the Game. Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play or away from the playing area.
- AJAA expects all participants to show respect for opponents, regardless of their skill. Since AJAA activities usually involve children from a very young age and since children are influenced by the behavior of adults, adult participants will be held to the very highest standards of conduct.



- AJAA discourages demonstrations and protests which may disrupt or disturb other members or delay the start of organized play.

-AJAA will not permit any player who is registered for a program to play with pending criminal charges. Releasing a player during a program season due to pending charges will forfeit any refunds.

**Unacceptable Conduct (not all-inclusive):**

-Vulgarity by coaches, players or spectators directed towards anyone.

-Harassment of referees, coaches, or players by anyone.

-Physical violence or threat of violence directed toward anyone or encouraged by anyone.

-Verbal or physical assault directed towards anyone. Physical assault is defined as the initiation of any physical contact.

-Consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or use of illegal drugs at AJAA or any facility used to host AJAA activities.

-Swearing or obscene gestures -Gestures indicating threat of physical violence ( e.g. Punching gesture; neck slit gesture)

-Angry tone of voice with elevated volume.

-Continual shouting at a coach, asst. coach, player, parent, or umpire.

-Pushing / Shoving / Grabbing / Punching / Kicking / Throwing.

-Bumping during argument.

-Negative coaching style, intentionally or repeatedly ignoring AJAA rules.



**SPORT PARTICIPATION RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

*Please read and be certain you understand the implications of agreeing to these terms.*

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities

I do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with Avon Junior Athletic Association ("AJAA"), activities, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that might result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
3. I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN. However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to snow surfaces, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, trees, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, pyramids, manual pads, bowls, half-pipes, jumps, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.



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5. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decisions making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.

6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result if frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.

7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.

8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.

9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.

10. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

*\*I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.*



## **Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE, AJAA, its staff, directors, coaches and volunteers (collectively, "Releasees").
2. To release the Releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the Releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This Agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.