

ABGC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct emphasizes the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators as the primary goals of the Annandale Boys' and Girls' Club.

COACHES

Each coach sets an example for players and spectators. Recognizing the responsibility to be a proper role model, the coach is required to:

1. Know and abide by the playing rules at all times.
2. Instruct your players in the rules and direct each player to play according to the rules at all times.
3. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and courteous in defeat.
4. Maintain emotional control, avoiding actions, foul language or gestures which may be considered abusive, hostile or humiliating.
5. Respect the referees and refrain from disrespectful behavior. Address referees directly during injuries or between periods.
6. Respect the coaches and players of both teams during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
7. Ensure that the team's supporters conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while at game sites. All coaches, players, parents, guardians, families and guest spectators are the responsibility of the coach, under the authority of the referee. Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
8. Instruct team support personnel (assistant coach or manager) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and regulations.
9. Ensure that all school or park rules and regulations are followed by the players and spectators at both practices and games. **This includes picking up all trash left by your team from halftime and post game refreshments, parking in designated school parking areas, and no pets on the field. Please empty the trash cans into the dumpster weekly at Holmes.**

PLAYERS

Each player will compete fairly and to the limit of his or her ability. Recognizing this responsibility, the player is required to:

1. Show up early for all practices and games, so the coach will not be kept waiting. Listen to the coach, and abide by his/her decisions.
2. Respect the game officials and do not speak to them or comment on their decisions during the game.
3. Know and abide by the rules at all times. Play hard, but fair. Maintain emotional control, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, or gestures of ill temper.
4. Respect the coaches and players of both teams at all times. At the conclusion of a game, be humble and generous in victory or courteous in defeat. Line up at midfield and shake the hands of all the players and coaches on the other team.
5. Follow all school rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others. This includes **parking in designated school parking areas, removing all trash at the end of each game, and no pets on the field.**
6. Only the *Team Captains may speak directly to the officials* to request the official time or to clarify an official's ruling.

SPECTATORS

Each spectator will ensure that his or her conduct, while in attendance at practices or games, reflects courtesy, sportsmanship, good citizenship, and a positive example for the players at all times. To meet these responsibilities, spectators are expected to:

1. Respect the coach's decisions. All families and guest spectators are the responsibility of the assigned coach, under the authority of the referee.
2. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner. Learn and respect the rules of the game.
3. Cheer for their team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making hostile, negative or abusive remarks about the game's participants.
4. Enter the field quietly during the playing of the preceding game. Do not come onto the field or throw objects onto the field. Follow all school rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others. This includes **parking in designated school parking areas, removing all trash at the end of each game, and no pets on the field.**
5. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.