



# AUTISM SPECTRUM ATHLETICS

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

**Parent Code of Conduct policies and procedures are designed to define the importance of creating a family friendly, stress free and non-hostile environment. Participants and family members are encouraged to promote good sportsmanship and respectfulness towards all players, families, coaches and officials of Autism Spectrum Athletics.**

- I will encourage my child to praise other team member and opponents for competing fairly, trying hard and displaying good sportsmanship.
- I will never, and will encourage my child to never, ridicule or yell at players or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the officials of the league and their authority during all league events. I will never question or confront coaches during sporting events. I will take time to speak with league officials and/or coaches at an agreed upon time and location to address concerns.
- I will not allow my child to use any profanity and/or violence or hostile behavior at league games, functions and events.
- There will be no smoking or other use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances of any kind or other related items while engaging at league games.
- I will not appear at any practice or game under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances.
- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for players.
- 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 (and my guests) will be a positive role model for all children 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 events.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike or disrespectful conduct with any player, parent, coach or league official. I (and my guests) will not use profane language, gestures, or display hostility at any games or events.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the participants.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child and other participants will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

- I will emphasize skill development and practice, and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition in the non-competitive groups or divisions.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 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.
- I will not encourage or display any derogatory, offensive, non-truthful or abusive statements and/or comments on any public or social domain publications in regards to the Autism Spectrum Athletics, participants and officials.
- I will not encourage or display any conduct that would create and/or foster an abusive, hostile or offensive environment

