**PARENTS AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Parents, please read the following codes of conduct with your child/athlete. Parents should be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's sports experience. Parents pledge to be good spectators; to assess the philosophy of the coach and league to make sure it matches the child's needs; to understand that all children are gifted, but not in equal ways; to provide unconditional support; and to pay attention to see if their child is having fun, learning, and improving -as opposed to just winning.

**Parents' Code of Ethics**

**PARENT:** I hereby pledge to:

• Provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

• I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every meet, practice, or other youth sports event. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.

• I will insist that my child practice and compete in a safe and healthy environment.

• I will support coaches and officials working with my child, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

• I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

• I will remember that the meet is for youth; ***NOT*** for adults.

• I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

• I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

• I will make every effort for my child to attend all practices and games and I will give proper notification to the coach if they are unable to attend.

• I will see that all the requested fees are paid in full before my child participates.

• I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as, being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

• I will require that my child's coach have the knowledge and responsibility needed to be a positive youth sports coach.

• I will complete my chaperone obligations and do my fair share of any duties asked of me.

**Athletes' Code of Ethics**

**Athlete:** *I hereby state that:*

• I, as an athlete, pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Athletes' Code of Ethics Pledge.

• I will keep in mind that this is an extra-curricular activity and will keep my grades and behavior at an appropriate level so that I may participate.

• I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow athletes, coaches, officials, and parents at every meet and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.

• I will attempt to attend and actively participate in every practice and event scheduled. If I cannot make it, I will inform my coaches as to why I am unable to attend.

• I will practice and compete to the best of my ability and listen and learn from my coaches.

• I recognize that I am playing a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits.

• I will treat my coaches, other athletes, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

• I will not criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach’s decision, an official’s call or an opponent.

• I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!

• I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

• I will conduct myself in a respectable manner at practices and at meets.

• I will not attempt ever to deliberately injure another athlete.

• I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.

• I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

• I realize that failure to comply with the above regulations will result in suspension or dismissal from athletic participation.

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**BOTH Parents please sign**