

Parental Sportsmanship Agreement

One of the perceived problems with athletics is inappropriate parental complaints and overzealous actions toward the players, coaches and umpires during the playing of the game. Your "job" as a parent is to root for your child and your child's team, not to complain about the umpire's calls or the coaching and decision making of the volunteer parents. Athletics provides an opportunity for our children to learn about good sportsmanship in a team sport environment. They learn sportsmanship by example; and you, the parent, are your child's best example.

By signing this sportsmanship agreement, you agree to:

- Be an active (or passive), but positive, fan at the game, not a disruption.
- Make every effort to ensure my child is present and on time for each scheduled game and practice.
- Never attempt to coach or give instruction to players (**including my own child**) during games or practices.
- Never openly express criticism for any coach, player, opposing team or umpire, and never use inappropriate, derogatory or vulgar language during games or practices.
- Never confront a coach or team manager with emotional issues in front of players.
- Foster a positive and supportive environment by exhibiting behavior that is respectful of all players, coaches, umpires and other spectators.
- Be a positive role model by demonstrating good sportsmanship and self-control at all games and practices.

The first offense for disrupting a game, practice or event or of others enjoyment of the game, will result in a warning to the parent and possible suspension from attendance for one game. A second offense will mean that you will not be allowed to attend your child's games or event for the remainder of the season. If you continue to attend your child's games after a second warning or continue as a disturbance in any way, you and your child will be removed from the team roster/program for the remainder of the season.

(Father or Legal Guardian)

Sign: _____ Date: _____

(Mother or Legal Guardian)

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Player Agreement

I agree to:

- Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, umpires and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- Play my part in being present and arriving on time to practices and games.
- Play to win but always fairly and with good sportsmanship.
- Accept the decisions of umpires without gesture or argument.
- Control my temper and not use inappropriate, derogatory or vulgar language.
- Never criticize the play of others.
- Follow the instructions of my coach without argument. This includes instructions regarding playing time and position.
- Work hard, concentrate, cooperate and not be disruptive at practices and games.
- Obey any team rules the coach puts in place.

(Player)

Sign: _____ Date: _____

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