



ST. PETER ATHLETIC CLUB: CODE OF CONDUCT

THE PLAYER

- Treats teammates, coaches, and opponents with respect.
- Listens to coaches' feedback and focuses on what's within the player's control.
- Practices and plays hard, but in a safe manner and within the rules.
- Exercises self-control at all times, setting the example for others to follow.
- Respects umpires and accepts their decisions without gestures or argument.
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship, win or lose.
- Always remembers that it is a privilege to play.

THE PARENTS

- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it.
- Be supportive of the coach; refrain from coaching your child from the stands. Remember your coach is volunteering his/her time to provide a recreational activity for your child.
- Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team. Refrain at all times from making hostile, negative comments about the opposing team. The opponents are necessary friends, without them there would be no game.
- Do not openly question an umpire's judgment or honesty. Umpires are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and turn defeat into victory by working toward improvement.
- Follow all building rules and regulations and keep a close watch of siblings.
- Have your child to and from practices and games on-time.
- Respects coaches' decisions; does not approach a coach before, during or after games with concerns outside of player safety, but during an agreed upon time.
- Understand that St. Peter Athletic Club is a volunteer organization and that completing the required volunteer hours or volunteering to be a board member is necessary for the continued success of the club.

THE COACH

- Focuses on fundamentals and learning the game.
- Promotes fun.
- Is patient.
- Promotes a positive atmosphere.
- Maximizes playing time but puts players in a position where they are safe and can develop.
- Respects the authority of the umpires.
- Displays good sportsmanship.
- Understands the rules.
- Is everyone's coach.
- Takes care of the St. Peter Athletic Club facility and the opponent's facility.

THE UMPIRE

- Knows the rules and their interpretations.
- Places the welfare of the participants above all other considerations.
- Treats players and coaches courteously and demands the same from them.
- Is fair and firm in all decisions, never compensating for previous mistakes.
- Maintains confidence, poise, and self-control from start to finish.

THE SPECTATOR

- Attempts to understand the playing rules.
- Appreciates a good play no matter who makes it.
- Respects the judgement and strategy of the coach and does not criticize players or coaches for the loss of a game.
- Respects the judgement of the officials and accepts their decisions without gestures or argument.
- Emphasizes and demonstrates good sportsmanship at all times.
- Will not harass, taunt, use profane language, or otherwise engage in obnoxious behavior toward players, coaches, umpires, or other spectators.

Family Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____