



## Player & Parent Code of Conduct

### Players:

- 1) Players will demonstrate positive sportsmanship during and after games. This includes exercising positive self-control, graciously accepting the outcome of games and treating all players and fans with courtesy and respect.
- 2) Players will demonstrate respect for all players and coaches in behavior and language. Profanity will not be tolerated.
- 3) Players will demonstrate respect for officials, in part by accepting their decisions. Insulting comments, arguing, gestures, and profanity directed at officials will not be tolerated.
- 4) Players will practice and work on skill development not only at scheduled practices, but also on their own time.
- 5) Players will positively represent the Bentonville Youth Athletics during and after games.
- 6) Players will understand the rules of the game.
- 7) Players in coordination with parents are responsible for timely notification of absences from games and practices to the coach of the team.
- 8) Bullying of any nature will not be tolerated.

### Parents:

- 1) Encourage positive sportsmanship by example.
- 2) Be supportive. Unconditionally accept wins and losses. The last thing the child wants to hear from you after a disappointing performance or loss is what they did wrong.
- 3) Do not coach. Leave the coaching to the coaches.
- 4) Emphasize skill development over winning. Take time to help your kids practice their skills and drills at home.
- 5) Interact positively with parents of opposing team. Set a good example for players indicating you can compete assertively and still be respectful.
- 6) Be welcoming to all team families on and off the playing field. Minimize gossip and criticism of teammates, other players, and coaches.
- 7) We require that parents/guardians avoid meeting or communicating with a coach within 24 hours games to allow time for all parties to cool off from any conflicts.
- 8) Support officials. Do not negatively criticize vocally during games, as this could lead to conduct violations assessed to the teams by officials. Leave any issues with the game officials to your coach.
- 9) Support the team and Bentonville Youth Athletics. Volunteer when needed, participate in fundraiser, etc.
- 10) Please review the practice and game schedules in advance. Notify your coach of any conflicts so they are aware that your player will not be participating on a given day.
- 11) Encourage your child to have fun and enjoy their teammates and the competition.

By joining our program, you accept the above code of conduct and understand that the expectations apply to the behavior during and after games and practices. I agree to abide by the code guidelines at all team activities. I understand that if I do not follow this code of conduct, I may be asked to leave the Bentonville Youth Athletics activity or may be asked to withdraw my player from the team.