



## ***Eastern Lehigh Valley Code of Conducts***

### **Parent Code of Conduct & Participation Agreement:**

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good sportsmanship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when completion reflects these "six pillars of character."

### **I therefore agree:**

- 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 youth, not adults.
- 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 will learn the rules of the game and the by-laws of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy , and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game or practice or other organized events.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex and ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcomes of a game or by 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 never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or for losing a game.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all participating athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with the coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from weapons, drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during practices and games, unless I am one of the team's official coaches.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

Verbal warning by an official, a head coach and/or a commissioner, organization representative or league representative

Written warning

Parental practice/game suspension with written warning of a specific incident that will be kept on file with the organization and the league

Game forfeit through an official, head coach, organization or league representative

**Parental season suspension to all practices and games**

**I hereby agree to abide by this Parent Code of Conduct and agree** to have my child participate in this sport throughout the entire season unless he or she is physically unable to do so. Additionally, my child will not participate with any other league associated team unless I have received the written release of the team head coach, the organization commissioner and the organizations executive board of directors.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_