

Sun Valley Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth League
Spring Season 2019

SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

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 Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. 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, practice or other sporting event.
6. 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
10. 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 outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competitions in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any persona desire I may have for my child to win.
15. 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 coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their usage at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

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 official, head coach, and/or head of league organization.
- Written warning.
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the organizations involved.
- Game forfeit through the official or coach.
- Parental season suspension.

I also agree that my child resided within the boundaries of this league, which are as follows: The western boundary shall end in Golden Valley, NV at Opal Station Dr., going south to the intersection of Dandini Blvd. and US-395, going west along Parr Blvd. to N. Virginia St., the follows Virginia St. south to the intersection of South Virginia St. and Longley Ln. The eastern boundary shall follow the western mountain terrain of the Spanish Springs Valley to the edge of the Wildcreek Golf Course, south to McCarran Blvd., east to Pyramid Way, south to the Truckee River, east to McCarran Blvd., south to Longley Ln., south to Virginia St. and then south to State Route 341. The southern boundary shall be the intersection of South Virginia St. and Longley Ln. The northern boundary line shall be the northern most point of the Sun Valley Community. **There are NO exceptions to this rule.**

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date