
APPENDIX E – PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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.

As a parent/guardian:

- 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 policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other related event.
- 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 the 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 coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all KMFA related events.
- 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 will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches and staff who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
- I will ALWAYS observe **KMFA's 24-Hour Policy** (see page 9).
- 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 spectators with respect regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, economic status, or playing ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or 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 make every effort at ensuring my child attends practices and games and will alert the coach if my child will be absent.
- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 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 wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Agree that if I fail to abide by the above rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include a warning, game suspension, or removal from KMFA programs permanently.

It is expected that all parents/guardians observe this code of conduct. Should any disciplinary action be considered, the Disciplinary Committee will not consider an explanation that consists of not knowing the extent or basic premise of this policy.