

# AAYSA Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian of a child participating in AAYSA sports, I agree to uphold the following standards to ensure a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all athletes, coaches, and families:

## Respect for Rules and the Game

- I will read and abide by all AAYSA rules and regulations across all sports.
- I understand that youth sports are about growth, teamwork, and fun, not winning at all costs. I will not pressure my child to perform beyond their ability or live out my own athletic ambitions through them.

## Support for Healthy Development

- I recognize that every child develops differently. I will encourage my child to enjoy the game, learn new skills, and grow as a teammate—regardless of position or playing time.
- I understand that coaches may not be able to honor every position request and will reinforce with my child that all roles on the team are valuable.

## Behavior and Attendance

- I give coaches full authority to set behavioral expectations and enforce consequences during practices and games.
- I understand that consistent, unexcused absences may affect my child's playing time and will not be guaranteed playing time in the next scheduled game.

## Practice and Skill Building

- I acknowledge that team practice time is limited. I will support my child's development by encouraging practice outside of scheduled sessions when possible.

## Respect and Conduct—On and Off the Field

- I will not interfere with practices or games by instructing, reprimanding, or calling my child away from the team.
- I will not step onto the field unless my child is in imminent danger or I am explicitly authorized by a coach or official.
- I will treat all coaches, officials, players, & parents with respect always, including during games, practices, & in any form of communication outside of those settings (such as texts, emails, social media, or in-person conversations).
- I will refrain from yelling at, heckling, or verbally abusing any coach, official, player, or parent. If I do, I understand I may be subject to disciplinary action by the AAYSA Executive Board and/or Sport Board. This may include immediate removal from the event, probation, suspension, or permanent exclusion from AAYSA activities.
- I understand that speaking negatively about the AAYSA organization, its coaches, volunteers, or athletes, whether in person, online, or through any form of communication is unacceptable. Such behavior undermines the mission of AAYSA and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from events or loss of participation privileges for myself or my child.

## Respect for Volunteers

- I understand that AAYSA coaches, commissioners, and board members are volunteers who dedicate their time to teach, not babysit, our children.
- I will treat all volunteers with respect and gratitude, recognizing that they cannot do everything alone.

## Commitment to Community

- I agree to contribute to the team and association when possible—whether through concessions, gate duty, post-game cleanup, or field maintenance—to help build a better experience for all families.