



## YOUTH SPORTS 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. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character," therefore I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

- 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 disabilities 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, courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event regardless of location.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing or 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 (and my guests) and my child will not touch an opposing player, coach, or game official in a threatening manner.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or 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 outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly, trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will provide 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 or officials 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 (and my guest) will refrain from their use at all sporting events, regardless of location.

- 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 understand that by signing below I can be held accountable for any violation of the codes of conduct, may be asked to vacate the premises regardless of location, and will accept any penalty which has been deemed necessary by Ballistic Sports Group, Inc., FLY-LAX Florida Youth Lacrosse Association League, and/or Lee County Parks and Recreation.

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Parent / Guardian Signature

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Print Name