

MKA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As parent(s)/ guardian(s) of _____ (player name) who plays for the _____ (team name), I have read, understand, and agree to all of the following parent code of conduct statements:

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 wellbeing 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, sex or ability.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development, practices, and following instruction from the coaches.
12. 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.
13. 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 sports events.
14. 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.
15. I understand MKA coaches are volunteers donating their time to make the players and team the best they can be, both on and off the field. Therefore, in the event of my dissatisfaction with coach(s) or any part of the team, I will take time to speak with the head coach about my issues at an agreed upon time and place. After speaking with the head coach, unresolved issues may be escalated to your MKA Supervisor ... playing time, ejections/ suspensions, umpire rulings, and other routine team business areas are not grounds for escalation to MKA.
16. My son's commitment to the team is for the current season. My son may choose to change teams the following season, at which point I commit to notifying my current head coach of the decision.

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 umpire, head coach, MKA board member, and/or District 34 Supervisor
- Written warning with consequences surrounding next offense
- Parental/ fan game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- After explanation of occurrence(s) by official or coach, game forfeit may be declared by the District 34 Supervisor
- Parental/ fan season suspension

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Print Name & Date _____

Head Coach Signature _____ Print Name & Date _____