

Rev. 2.0

The Spirit! League

Parent Agreement

Introduction:

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and in six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. Everyone involved with the Spirit League has the most rewarding experience when competition reflects these six values.

Spirit League Rules and Expected Behaviors:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports. Instead, I will seek to learn proven behavior techniques to encourage my child to participate.
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 and will share methods of communication and motivation that work best with my child.
4. I will learn the basic 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. I will watch my child play, cheer them on and encourage them with positive comments.
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, sex 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 giving their best effort, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule, yell at or take physical disciplinary action of my child or other participants for making a mistake, losing a competition or acting out due to a disability during game time or practice.
13. I will emphasize skill development and “team” behaviors, over winning.
14. 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.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field but instead will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
17. I will show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. I will offer to volunteer my time and expertise, or make other contributions to the league, when possible.
18. I or my designated “guardian” will be present during all Spirit League games, events and functions where I have a player participating.
19. I will ensure that my child attends all scheduled games, unless they are ill. I recognize that if my player misses more than 2 scheduled games, they may be disqualified from league play. No refunds will be given.
20. I will ensure that my child is properly dressed for play and will arrive “on time” at the time designated by the team coach.
21. I will notify my child’s coach, in advance, if my child is unable to attend a scheduled game, practice or league sponsored event.

22. I will check the “News” tab on the website on or after 10:00 A.M. to confirm whether a scheduled game or event has been canceled for bad weather.

23. Unless I am one of the official Coaches or Refs, I will remain off the field of play at all times unless requested by the Ref or Coach to enter the field due to injury or player behavioral problem.

24. I understand that there will be times when the Coach requests that my child practices certain skills at home. I will do my best to ensure that he/she does so.

25. Safety is job one! There may be times when a Ref issues a Yellow or Red Card for serious safety infractions or for “unsportsmanlike” conduct. I understand that my child may receive such warning or game ejection and agree to counsel my player in the safe playing techniques and good sportsmanship.

I 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 incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Parental season suspension

Please Sign and Return

On behalf of myself and my family, I agree to the Spirit League Rules and Expected Behaviors:

Player Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____