



## Athletic Parent Code of Conduct

We, the City of Edinburg – Parks & Recreation Department, have implemented the following Athletic Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports.

Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

### *I therefore agree:*

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
  - I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league before being critical of any and all program rules.
  - 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 (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 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 will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
  - I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
  - I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing 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 location, 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 sports events.
  - I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coach(es) of the team.

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<Print> Parent/Guardian Name

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<Sign> Parent/Guardian Signature