

### **EWA Sports Code of Conduct (Volunteers and Coaches)**

EWA Sports makes every effort to provide positive athletic experiences for all children and families. We are dedicated to providing every participant with an opportunity to learn about sports in a positive and safe environment so that they can develop self-confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We acknowledge that athletic participation can be competitive but in the recreational context, there are priorities above winning games. In keeping with our philosophy, the following rules and guidelines are provided to ensure that everyone can enjoy a positive experience.

Coaches are to remain in the coaches box, area, or dugout. Badgering game officials, scorekeepers, parents, spectators, or opposing players, or coaches will not be tolerated. Any infraction of the Code of Conduct may result in ejection and/or suspension. Coaches will abide by a game officials decision as it relates to officiating the game and will refrain from inappropriate demonstrations of dissent or verbal abuse. Any physical attack as an aggressor will not be tolerated and authorities will be contacted as appropriate. Only the head coach or acting head coach may approach the game official to discuss a game call.

#### Acknowledgement/Agreement:

- 1) I agree that the purpose of my coaching in this organization is to support EWA Sports in their mission to help children reach their potential through athletics founded on ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, self-confidence, and determination.
- 2) I affirm that physical ability does not define a child's worth and I will remain supportive of every player regardless of ability.
- 3) I will maintain a positive and encouraging team culture and set player expectations of good sportsmanship to support their teammates, opponents, and umpires.
- 4) I will put my players in positions where they can develop through proper training and support.
- 5) I will never shame nor show displays of disappointment towards players. I will not scream/yell at any player/s.
- 6) I will understand that games can be stressful for young players and will provide a safe place for players to learn from mistakes and refrain from coaching in any manner that would increase player stress or anxiety.
- 7) I will refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct and be respectful of opponents, coaches, game officials, and spectators.
- 8) I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- 9) I will coach and treat all players equally.

- 10) I will not grab or touch any player, official, or spectator in an aggressive and/or physical manner.
- 11) If I find myself in disagreement with a parent or another coach, I will not continue that discussion in front of the players. If necessary, I will institute a 24-hr “cool off” period before reengaging in those discussions.
- 12) I will not use profanity, abusive language, and never come to an EWA event under the influence of alcohol, intoxicants or drugs.
- 13) I will stay informed and at all times follow all EWA Policies and Procedures including those intended to ensure player safety.
- 14) I will maintain all required certifications as identified by EWA Sports.
- 15) I will report any incidents that involve damage to facilities to the athletic Director.
- 16) I will report any incident regarding player injury to the EWA Safety Committee.
- 17) I will report any concerns about the behaviors of others including parents, game officials, opponents, spectators, to the athletic Director or EWA Safety Committee.