

### **EWA Sports Code of Conduct (Parent and Participant)**

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.

1. No parent, spectator or participant shall: At any time lay a hand upon, push, shove or threaten to strike an official or any other person.
2. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Refuse to abide by a game official's decision.
3. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision.
4. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Be guilty of heaping personal verbal abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
5. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any players, officials, coaches or spectators.
6. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official.
7. No parent, spectator or participant shall: Be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing team.
  - a. With any incident that may result in a suspension, all parties involved will have 48 hours to submit one written statement to the Director of the sport. The Director is not required to conduct an extensive investigation beyond 1 statement from each individual.

#### **Acknowledgement/ Agreement:**

1. I will be supportive and respectful of EWA Sports, its coaches, volunteers, opponents, and game officials.
2. I understand that EWA Sports offer recreational programs and that players of all abilities and experience all are welcome to participate.
3. I understand that expectation for high level development is not the goal or expectation of recreational sports.
4. I will refrain from coaching from the stands, harassing any coach, player, or game official.
5. I will not enter the field at any time without being directed by the head coach.
6. If I find myself in disagreement with a parent or coach, I will wait 24 hours before initiating discussions with those persons and will do so in a respectful manner.

7. I will not engage in any negative or disrespectful behavior at any EWA Sports event.
8. I will arrange to have my child at practices and games on time and ready to participate.
9. I will not use profanity, abusive language, and never come to an EWA event under the influence of alcohol, intoxicants or drugs.
10. I will report any concerns of player safety, inappropriate behaviors to the EWA Safety Committee via email.
11. I understand that violations of this policy may result in immediate ejection from the park grounds.
12. I understand that actions of physical violence, abuse, interruption of play may result in season long suspension or a lifetime ban.
13. I understand that my actions and response may result in dismissal of my child from EWA programs.