



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." Minnesota Flyers Track and Field asks that as a member of our organization, you agree to uphold these vital elements.

### **I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of sport.**

- I will trust in my child's ability to have fun as well as to perform and achieve excellence on his/her own.
- I will help my child to learn the right lessons from winning and losing and from individual accomplishments and mistakes.
- I will respect my child's teammates and fellow parents as well as the players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
- I will give only encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether for my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I 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 demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

### **I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts.**

- I will not instruct from the sidelines unless asked to by the coach and will refrain from coaching my child or other players during meets and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will teach my child that doing ones best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will insure that my child will attend all meets and practices possible as applicable to level and, when not possible, I agree to inform the coach in advance.
- I will respect all facilities made available so my child can participate in competition and practice his/her sport.
- I will respect any equipment or uniform that may be loaned to my child so that he/she can participate.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- 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 competition 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.
- I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language.
- I will be responsible to report any perceived misconduct by coach, player, parent and official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.
- I will follow the policies and procedures of Minnesota Flyers Track and Field.

### **Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines will result in 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 by official, head coach, Minnesota Flyers Board of Directors and/or head of Association(s)
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Parental removal from team

*By you and/or registrant submitting your/their digital signature during the registration process, you have agreed to abide by the terms outlined above.*