

# Estancia Valley Youth Athletics

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Estancia Valley Youth Athletics is designed for the enjoyment of our children and promotes the growth of athletic skills at all levels, good sportsmanship, honesty, respect, patience, loyalty, and sense of teamwork through a positive competitive environment, so that our youth may become strong, healthy, well-adjusted members of the community.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### **Forward**

In order to advance the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among athletes, coaches, game officials and spectators, Estancia Valley Youth Athletics has established a "Code of Conduct." The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of athletes, coaches and spectators. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as the Organization's standard for behavioral evaluation. It shall be the obligation of all coaches, athletes, parents and spectators to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of the privilege to participate in, or attend, any and all Estancia Valley Youth Athletics sponsored activities. If deemed necessary, the umpire or any Board Member has the authority to eject a person or persons from the premises.

### **Managers/Coaches**

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, self-control and proper behavior.
- Attend all coaches meetings and clinics.
- Care for the equipment issued. If any equipment is lost or damaged, coaches should report the problem to the Uniforms/Equipment committee.
- Conduct a pre-season parent's meeting. At this meeting, set the tone and expectations for the season.
- Distribute rosters, team rules, etc.
- Recruit parent volunteers as necessary.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free during any practice, game, or team activity.
- Use of profanity, negative comments, violent behavior or fighting is not allowed.
- Only the use of positive reinforcement is considered appropriate.
- Promote honesty, teamwork, fair play and responsibility.
- Treat your athletes with dignity and respect.
- Coaches will ensure that no unauthorized personnel are permitted in the dugout. Authorized personnel consist of: one (1) coach, two (2) assistants, team athletes and one (1) team parent.
- Encourage and motivate your athletes with patient and positive talk. Be a good role model.

- Help your athletes to improve their athletic skills, their knowledge of the game, their physical condition, their ability to control their emotions and their self-esteem.
- Remind them at all times to be respectful of their teammates and their opponents.
- Although there may be circumstances which warrant discipline of an athlete, a coach must still respect the athlete and treat him with dignity. If further action is required, the parent will be asked to remove the athlete from the area of competition.
- Do not permit attacks of any kind by your coaches, athletes, or parents and fans on the game officials, the other coaches, or any athletes.
- Do not challenge judgment calls by the game officials. It is acceptable to challenge the interpretation of a rule.
- Never put an athlete in harm's way. Ensure they are using and wearing the proper equipment.
- Report any incident that may violate any rule or standard of conduct or reflect adversely on Estancia Valley Youth Athletics.
- Keep your ego out of coaching and try to make the experience interesting, enriching, and fun.

### **Athletes**

- Be on time for practices.
- Be on time for games in full practice uniform.
- Ensure your shirt is tucked in at all times and hat is worn properly.
- Hustle at all times and do not sit down in the area of competition.
- Be a competitor, perform up to your full ability, and contribute to team unity.
- No friends or parents in the team area.
- Take care of the team's equipment.
- Be honest, fair and do the right thing.
- Think before you act and take responsibility for your actions.
- Support, respect and cooperate with your teammates and coaches.
- Be courteous to the game officials, the other team and its coaches.
- Always be polite and positive.
- Foul language, negative comments, violent behavior or fighting is not allowed.
- Ensure all trash is removed from team areas even if you didn't put it there.
- Follow the coach's rules for team equipment.
- If you are not going to be at practice or a game, call one of the coaches

### **Parents/Fans**

- Ensure your athlete arrives on time for practice and games.
- Inform the coaches of any medical condition or ailment that may affect the safety of your athlete.
- Respect and support all athletes, coaches and game officials.
- Never belittle or shout negative remarks to anyone. Foul and abusive language is strictly prohibited.

- Trash talk, taunting and negative rooting are not acceptable regardless of the unsportsmanlike conduct of opposing athletes or coaches.
- Use of profanity towards athletes, coaches, game officials, etc. Will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the program.
- Arguing with coaches and game officials will not be permitted. Only the coach should question a game official's call relating to the proper interpretation of a rule. Judgment calls should not be questioned. If you have an opposing opinion, please direct it to a board member or discuss it reasonably and calmly with the coach or the game official at the end of the game.
- Parents and fans should respect the proper requests made of them by coaches and game officials.
- Always put garbage in the trash cans. Encourage your athlete to do the same.
- Parents and fans should inform a member of the board of any improper conduct of a coach. Feedback is an important consideration when assessing the quality of coaches and ensuring the well-being of all athletes.
- Parents and spectators will be drug and alcohol free during any practice or game.