

# Parent Code of Conduct

## Positive Support and Encouragement:

- **Focus on effort, not just results:** Parents should praise their child's effort and performance, rather than solely focusing on winning or losing.
- **Respectful communication:**

Parents should avoid arguing with or yelling at officials and should address concerns with coaches privately and respectfully.
- **Positive role modeling:**

Parents should be positive role models, demonstrating sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect for all involved.
- **Encouraging all athletes:**

Parents should applaud good plays by both their child's team and the opposing team.
- **Maintaining a positive environment:**

Parents should create a positive and supportive environment for all athletes, free from negativity and criticism.

## Respecting Officials and Coaches:

- **Respect for authority:**

Parents should respect the authority of officials and coaches and refrain from questioning their decisions during games.
- **Addressing concerns appropriately:**

If parents have concerns about officiating or coaching, they should address them with the coach at an appropriate time and place, not during the game.
- **Understanding the volunteer role:**

Parents should appreciate the time and effort of volunteer coaches and officials.

## Safety and Well-being:

- **Prioritizing safety:**

Parents should ensure a safe environment for all athletes and avoid any actions or behaviors that could endanger them.
- **Avoiding inappropriate behavior:**

Parents should refrain from using profanity, engaging in violence, or using drugs or alcohol at sporting events.
- **Mandatory reporting:**

In cases of suspected child abuse or sexual misconduct, parents are obligated to report it to the appropriate authorities, according to AAU.

## General Conduct:

- **No coaching from the sidelines:**

Unless a parent is also a designated coach, they should refrain from coaching their child or other players during games or practices.

- **Accepting outcomes:** Parents should accept the results of games with grace and encourage their child to do the same.

**Understanding the game:** Parents should familiarize themselves with the rules of the game and the policies of the league.