

Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club

Parent Code of Conduct

Preamble:

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".

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my son/daughter to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that students participate to have fun and that the game is for students, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my son/daughter or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my player and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my son/daughter to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my son/daughter treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my son/daughter that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my son/daughter will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my son/daughter for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my son/daughter or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my son/daughter over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my son/daughter to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with a SWLAHAC board member at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my son/daughter that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

17. I will refrain from coaching my son/daughter or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
 18. I will take any question about coaches, rules, coaching techniques, sporting controversy, etc. to a SWLAHAC board member. These matters should not be brought to the coaches during practice or at games as their main focus is on your children.
 19. I understand that my child's transportation to and from practice and games is my responsibility.
 20. I understand that SWLAHAC representatives (elected, appointed, or volunteers) are not responsible for my child outside of practice or games.
 21. I understand that no one is allowed on the field during practices other than staff, coaches, players, and parents that are asked by one of the coaches or Directors.
 22. I understand that I will be required to help out from time to time in concessions and in other needed volunteer positions for the team. If I am unable to fill my assigned position, it is my responsibility to find a suitable replacement and notify the appropriate coordinator of the change. I also understand that if I don't fulfill my team commitment to concessions...that my child may not be allowed to play in the next scheduled game.
 23. I understand that the League does REQUIRE a physical examination by a Doctor of Medicine of my child before participating in any said sport.
 24. I understand that if my child is injured and has to receive medical treatment from a physician, that I will be required to provide a medical release from a physician to the coach before my child is permitted to return to practice or play.
 25. I understand that if I am a member of Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club, that I will be expected to attend an annual membership meeting.
 26. I understand that The SWLA Board reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to require ANY Athlete to submit to medical or physical examinations or tests. These procedures may be required at any time during membership. The procedures used may include, but are not limited to, urine drug tests, blood alcohol tests, breathalyzer tests, or other medical examinations to determine the use of any substance prohibited by this policy or to determine satisfactory fitness for duty. The tests may be announced or unannounced.
 27. For the purposes of participation on a ACEL home education athletic association team, a homeschool student-athlete must spend 51% of their class time in the home setting, unless the student athlete is a graduating senior, in which case he or she may spend up to 66% of their class time outside the home setting. Any student taking classes through a state approved public school, virtual school, charter school, or any blending of such that will result in the student receiving a diploma from such school, does not meet the definition of a ACEL homeschooled student
 28. Return to play for an injured athlete (if seen by a doctor) protocol:
 1. Must provide the coach with a written medical release from the doctor they are presently under the care of.
 2. The coach has the right to not play the athlete if the coach determines it to be in the best interest of the athlete's physical well being.
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