GRAA Parent Code of Conduct

I understand that I must follow the Parent Code of Conduct to stay in good standing:

School Work

• Your child’s primary goal is to do their very best in school because school and good grades come first before sports.

Fun

• Youth sports are an opportunity for players to learn and have fun
• Placing too much pressure on players to perform well creates stress that can distract from their enjoyment and performance and can affect their self esteem
• Kids will not be great at everything, parents can help by relaxing and enjoying the game

Winning

• Striving to win, rather than winning itself, is what is important in youth sports
• Striving to win means your child is playing the best they can
• Players need to know that if they are trying their best, they are winners

Participation

• All players must get adequate playing time to improve and gain confidence
• Adequate playing time for all players is more important than winning a game
• If a coach feels the team lost a game simply because a player of lesser ability received adequate playing time, the coach did the right thing.
• Players need to attend and be on time for all games and practices.
• If a player cannot attend a game or practice or will be late or need to leave early, notify the coach ahead of time

Sportsmanship

• Treat coaches, players, umpires and fans with respect
• Be courteous to opposing team’s players and coaches
• Be a good fan. Applaud good plays made by your team or the opposition
• Never engage in negative conversation with the opposing team’s players or coaches
• Never argue with an umpire
• Control your temper
• Verbal abuse of anyone is not acceptable behavior
• Instructions shouted to players during the game are distracting, often too late to have an impact and sometimes are inaccurate or in conflict with what the coach is teaching

Discipline
• If you fail to abide by this code of conduct, you will be subject to disciplinary action that could include:

  o Asked to leave the field location
  o Suspension from future attendance
  o Suspension for the remainder of the season
GRAAA PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that I must follow the Player Code of Conduct to stay in good standing:

School

• Do your very best in school because school and good grades come first before sports.

Fun

• Remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
• Inform your parents or coaches if playing stops being fun.
• Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not to please your parents, coaches or anyone else.
• Play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Participation

• Attend and be on time for all games and practices.
• If you cannot attend a game or practice or if you will be late or need to leave early, notify your coach ahead of time.
• Do your best to listen and learn from your coaches.
• Encourage your parents to be involved with your team in some way because it is important to you.

Sportsmanship

• Respect the game, play fairly and follow the rules.
• Treat your coaches, teammates, other players, officials and fans with respect.
• Encourage good sportsmanship from your teammates at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship yourself.
• Be courteous to opposing team’s players and coaches.
• Be a good sport. Applaud good plays made by your team or the opposition.
• Do not initiate a fight, engage in verbal or physical abuse or use bad language with anyone.
• Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
• Control your temper. Verbal abuse or physical abuse of anyone is not acceptable behavior.
• Respect the privilege of using public playing fields.

Discipline
If you fail to abide by the above code of conduct, you will be subject to disciplinary action that could include:

- Loss of playing time.
- Suspension for the next game(s).
- Suspension for the remainder of the season.