

## **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

# **GRAA 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.