

Gold Crown Foundation: Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Code of Conduct 2025

Youth sports exist for the development and enjoyment of young athletes. As a parent or guardian, your words and actions significantly impact the experience of all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. To foster a positive and respectful environment, all parents and guardians agree to uphold the following Code of Conduct:

Commitment to Respect and Positive Behavior

As a parent or guardian of a participant in Gold Crown Foundation, I commit to:

- Encouraging my child to respect coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and spectators.
- Promoting sportsmanship and teamwork, emphasizing effort and enjoyment over winning.
- Refraining from using foul language, inappropriate gestures, or disrespectful behavior at any program event or facility.
- It is important to recognize that coaches dedicate significant time and effort to the players and show appreciation for their work.
- Communicating any concerns constructively with coaches at an appropriate time and place (e.g., following a 24-hour cooldown period after a game or event).
- Any adult who observes or suspects child abuse is encouraged to report it to 1-844-CO-4-Kids or 911. Coaches as Mandatory Reporters are required to. If you see something, please say something and feel empowered to intervene and keep children safe. This includes actions that are physical, emotional, sexual, and neglectful abuse. You do not need eyewitness evidence to report.

Game Day and Practice Conduct

To ensure a positive experience for all participants, I will:

- Applaud effort, sportsmanship, and skill.
- Remain at least two yards from the playing field to allow players room to compete safely.
- Never coach from the sidelines or interfere with the coach's instructions.
- Respect officials and their decisions, avoiding arguments, criticism, or confrontational behavior.
- Ensure that my child arrives prepared to participate in practices and games on time.
- Refrain from engaging in physical or verbal altercations with anyone at program events.

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

- Use of abusive, profane, or inappropriate language at any event organized by, in support of, or affiliated with Gold Crown Foundation, including but not limited to practices, games, tournaments, team meetings, fundraising events, banquets, or any other official gathering. This also applies to behavior within any Gold Crown Foundation or partner facility.
- Engaging in or encouraging unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting, intimidation, or harassment.

- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any program-related event or facility.
- Providing or offering illegal substances, including alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine (including vaping), to any athlete at any program event or facility.
- An athlete may not be given over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, or supplements without prior parental/guardian consent.
- Engaging in any actions that could jeopardize the safety or well-being of a child or any other participant.

Compliance and Accountability

I acknowledge that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to this Code of Conduct may be required to leave the event, and play may be suspended until compliance is restored.
- [Program Name] reserves the right to suspend or remove any player whose parent or guardian engages in persistent or extreme misconduct. No refunds will be issued in such cases.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of guests they bring to events and must ensure that guests understand and follow these expectations.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The head coach is responsible for the conduct and behavior of all bench personnel (all individuals who are part of or affiliated with a team, including, but not limited to; players, coaches, spectators, manager(s), scores table operator(s) and statistician(s)). Gold Crown will not tolerate any inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. The following actions will result in an automatic technical foul assigned to the coach, or dismissal without refund.

- No parent or spectator is allowed to communicate or interact with the official/rules coach, regardless of intention. If a parent or spectator physically or verbally assaults an official/rules coach, local police will be summoned to the property.
- All issues must be directed through the head coach; parents or spectators are not allowed to approach site directors and/or official/rules coach regarding any event concerns.
- A Player, Coach or Spectator who is removed from a Gold Crown event will forfeit their privilege of attending the following game, and possibly forfeit their future status with Gold Crown.