

Parent Code of Conduct

We, the Four Corners Fast Pitch Association, have implemented the following **Parent Code of Conduct** for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in their first game.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and maybe suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

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
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, **not adults**.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child 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 other sporting event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting and refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will never yell in anger or use foul language at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
10. 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 coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
11. I will take an active role in the prevention of Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco abuse, and shall, under no circumstance authorize their use at any games or practices from myself (and my guests)