

## **The Azle Youth Sports (AYS) Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this document is to ensure that all parents/guardians of the youth participating in Azle Youth Sports (AYS) programs are aware that AYS has a “Zero Tolerance for Violence” policy for players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Each parent/guardian must sign and be aware of this AYS Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct. AYS will not tolerate hostile and disruptive behavior by players, coaches, parents, or spectators either in person or on social media. Failure to observe the AYS Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct could result in disciplinary action up to and including removal from participation in AYS programs. The AYS Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct imperatives are:

1. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child’s participation in AYS programs.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, or practice. Therefore, as a parent and spectator, I will not harass, abuse, disrespect, or cause a disturbance against any coaches, players, officials, or spectators.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my children ahead of my personal desire to win.
4. I will support and abide by a healthy sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and likewise will refrain from their use at AYS events.
5. I will remember that my child’s game is for youth – not adults.
6. I will refrain from using profanity.
7. Both my child and I will treat other players, coaches, spectators and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
8. I will ensure transportation to and prompt arrival of my child to all practices and games. I will communicate in advance if my child is unable to attend a practice or game.
9. I will guarantee payment of all fees (coach’s training fee, facility rental fee, tournament fee, etc). I understand that these fees must be paid in order for my child to participate in AYS practices and games.
10. I will not approach my child’s coach directly before, during, or immediately after a game. I will wait 24 hours before addressing any concerns. I understand that the coach will only discuss concerns involving my child and not another child on the team.
11. I will not be a distraction in any form before, during, or after a game or practice, or at any AYS event. I understand that all team members will be expected to stay focused on the game plan and must listen to the coach’s instruction before, during, and after games.
12. I will refrain from posting any disparaging or threatening comments on social media or websites that are directed at AYS leaders, players, coaches, spectators or officials.

Any person violating this AYS Parent / Guardian code of conduct is subject to disciplinary action. Discipline shall be determined by the AYS board after investigation and a review of the facts and can include suspension or expulsion from AYS as determined by AYS at its full discretion.

Any player/parent/spectator ejected from a game shall not be permitted to attend and/or participate in AYS related activities for the following week, including the next scheduled game for his/her team. AYS, at its discretion, may consider on a case by case basis, further punishment for a first ejection and/or subsequent ejections, including but not limited to expulsion from AYS activities for an extended period of time, indefinitely or forever. If a person is expelled from AYS indefinitely and/or forever, such person may not participate in any AYS activities in the future.

Ejections of a player/parent/spectator or cheerleader is to be immediately reported to the Director on Duty of the facility who will immediately report the incident to AYS.

*All registered players and cheerleaders agreed to the above "AYS Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct" during the registration process.*

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_