

# San Ramon Bears

## Parent Code of Conduct

The San Ramon Bears ("SR Bears") have adopted the Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in football and cheer activities and other sports and performance activities.

As a requirement of your child's participation with SR Bears, it is required that each parent and each responsible adult read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in football or cheer for the upcoming season.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or other SR Bears activity will be asked to leave the area and will be automatically suspended from attending the following game or practice. At the sole discretion of the SR Bears President or other responsible member of the SR Bears Board of Directors, repeat violations may be the basis for multiple games or practice suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending practices or games. In addition, the SR Bears reserve the right to suspend and/or terminate from the program the children of such parents or responsible adults.

As part of the Sport Parent Code of Conduct, the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles of:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports and youth activities is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

By signing below, and as adults responsible for children participating in SR Bears, I agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the SR Bears.
5. 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 event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the participants.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

12. I will emphasize skill development at practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and competitions and I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the practice or game field. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place but no earlier than 48 hours following a scheduled game.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all SR Bears events.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I agree to the foregoing Code of Conduct and acknowledge that the San Ramon Bears organization may enforce these and other rules of participation and conduct in a manner that could involve the suspension/termination of my privilege of attending San Ramon Bears events and also my child's participation in the SR Bears program.

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Name of Participant : \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

Football

Cheer

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_