

Prince Frederick Eagles 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: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." I therefore agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to learn and 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 Prince Frederick Eagles (PFE) and Calvert County Youth Football League (CCYFL).
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 any other PFE or CCYFL 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/or well being of the athletes.
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 never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition for any reason.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
12. 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.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority before, during, and after games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches regarding officials at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
14. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, smoking, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official PFE coaches of the team.
16. I understand that the coaches are volunteers, and it is the Head Coach's responsibility to coach and run practice as they see fit, and I will not interfere during practices or games.
17. I will notify (phone/email) my PFE coach if my child will not be able to participate in a practice or game.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____