



Valley Athletic Association Youth Sports Standards for Coaches, Players & Spectators

As we attempt to promote the most positive experience for the youth of Valley Athletic Association, we are committed to the following standards. All coaches and spectators should read the following standards and sign below to indicate their willingness to abide by them. As parents/guardians of a player, you are responsible for yourself, as well as, all guests and family members who attend the game. In addition, the team's coach will be held accountable for the behavior of their team's spectators and will be disciplined accordingly if spectators do not uphold these standards.

ALL COACHES AND SPECTATORS WILL:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for **youth, not adults**.
2. 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
3. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
4. Comply with the policies and procedures of Valley Athletic Association
5. Respect all participants, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers at every practice or youth sports event and encourage all children to do the same.
6. Refrain from abusive or inappropriate language or gestures, or physical contact toward officials, volunteers, coaches, staff and participants.
7. I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed color, sex or ability
9. Accept the decisions of the officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. Spectators shall never go onto the court or playing field, or approach the official scorekeeper, while the game is in progress or immediately after the event. Allow the coach to take all questions, rule interpretations or concerns to the appropriate umpire or league official.
10. Refrain from giving the children instructions during the game - allow the coaches to manage the team and game. This includes visits to the dugout area.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
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 during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
14. Help ensure the safety of the playing area by reporting any unsafe hazards, removing trash, leaving food and beverages outside the gym or playing area and refraining from use of alcohol or other drugs at or immediately prior to all youth sports events.
15. Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of health, injuries and ability to play.
16. Remember that the game is for youth – not adults.

Penalty for non-compliance:

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but 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 head coach
- Parental season suspension

- Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse toward and player, coach, official, parent or spectator shall be banned from attendance at all youth sporting events at Valley and any facility that Valley is participating at a sporting event not exceeding 12 months from the date of incident.
- Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who enters the field of play or court during any youth sports event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, players or official shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events at Valley and any facilities that Valley is participating in at a sporting event for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the incident.
- Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who verbally abuses coaches, players or spectators including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures or racial, ethnic or sexual slurs, may be reprimanded from the date of the incident and cannot attend another sporting event until they meet with at least two members of the Executive Board, the Athletic Director and the Commissioner of the sport during which the infraction occurred. The minimum suspension will be at least one game. There is no limit on the maximum suspension depending on how severe the infraction was.
- For any individual above the age of 18 that is suspended from Valley for any period 12 months or longer must complete an Anger Management course or an equivalent counseling program. The individual must provide proof to the Code of Conduct committee before they are allowed to be involved in any sport at Valley.
- Any coach/player that has been ejected from the game will receive a minimum of one game suspension and will need to meet with two members of the Executive Board, the Athletic Director and the Commissioner of the sport during which the infraction occurred. There is no limit on the maximum suspension depending on how severe the infraction was.

If a coach or spectator is ejected for these or any reason, they may not attend the next game (1) played. If a family member is ejected then that family member may not attend the next game played. If a player is ejected from a game for any violation that player must attend the next game in full uniform and sit on the bench. The ejected player will not be able to play in another game until the requirement is met. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Commissioner and or Travel Coordinator and/or League President prior to returning to any event. If a coach or spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, they will not be allowed to attend any Valley AA sports activity for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the Executive Board along with the Code of conduct Committee and possibly the entire Board of Directors prior to returning to any event. Depending on the severity of the action, upon the initial occurrence of the action, the review committee may either issue a warning or prohibit the parent/spectator from attending subsequent Valley AA games in order to preserve the positive atmosphere which is intended. Physical Altercations with another person **WILL NOT** be tolerated and will result in **IMMEDIATE** suspension from ALL Valley.A.A. Functions until reviewed by the board.

I/We agree to help make youth sports fun and help teach our players good sportsmanship. I/we understand and will abide by the above standards: (please sign and return this form to your child's coach)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (Parent please print)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (Player please print)

Coach: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (Coach please print)