

# PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and Family are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents and adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field.

## **MTCA has adopted the following Parent Code of Conduct for all extracurricular sporting events/leagues:**

- Come out and enjoy the game. Cheer to make ALL players feel important.
- Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- Allow the coach to coach and run the team. Support your coach and refrain from excessive "sideline coaching" from the stands.
- Try not to question the coach's leadership. All players will make mistakes and so will they.
- If you wish to question the coach's strategies or leadership, please do not do so in front of the players or fans. Coach's phone numbers will be made available for you to reach them at any time if you have a concern. Please try to wait 24 hours after an incident to address the coach. This will give you time to rationalize your feelings and concerns and to be able to discuss the situation with the coach in a calm, civilized manner.
- Do not holler at the players, the referees, or the coach.
- Refrain from using profanity.
- Accept the decisions of officials on the court as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
- Parents must stay off the court and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, or coaches by words or gestures.
- Support the coaches, players, and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands.
- Parents will not encourage their child or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials, or any other attendee.
- Be reverent during and/or participate in the prayer prior to the start of the game.
- Reinforce my child's need to attend practices and games regardless of ineligibility or injury. Your child's attendance record will determine if he/she may receive a participation trophy or if they may partake in the sport picture day and end of the year banquet. A 75% attendance rate must be maintained throughout the season and post-season. Your child's decision to quit the team at any time during the season will forfeit their right to participate in the above mentioned privileges.

Failure to follow the Parents' Code of Conduct as determined by the Athletic Board, will result in the following:

**1st offense:** Verbal/Documented warning

**2nd offense:** Asked to leave the facility and refrain from participating in any MTCA Athletic sponsored event for 24 hours

**3rd offense:** Will be banned from participating in any and all events sponsored by the Mother Teresa Athletic Association for one year.

I, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s), hereby give my pledge that I will follow the aforementioned Code of Conduct.

Signature of parent/parents or legal guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_