**Parent / Spectator Code of Conduct**

**When attending GAP sponsored events:**

* Be be a positive role model for all children 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.
* Do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or other parents such as booing, criticizing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures, etc.
* Cheer FOR YOUR team. Do not cheer AGAINST the OPPOSING TEAM.
* Do not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
* Teach your child to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
* Have your child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
* Never ridicule or yell at any child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
* Respect the officials and their authority during games and do not question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees during or after the game. Please take the time to speak with coaches or GAP officials at an agreed upon time and place.
* Please refrain from coaching your child or other players from the stands during games and practices.
* Please inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of your child or the safety of others.

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| **Please remember this:**  **The Players are Kids**  **The Coaches are Volunteers**  **The Referees are Human**  **It’s Only A Game** |

If anyone fails to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, they will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

* Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or member of league organization
* Written warning
* Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident
* Parental season suspension