



**Southwest Youth Athletics  
Association**

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**Coach/Team Parent/Volunteer Contract**

The following is a contract that we are requiring all parents to sign upon joining any Southwest Youth Athletics Team. Please understand that this is simply so that there are clear expectations for all. Parents will also have their own contracts.

The main objective here is for the entire team — team parents, parents and coaches— to be on the same page. We're in this together!

If you wish to volunteer for one of the Southwest Youth Athletics Association's teams as a youth coach or a team parent. I hereby recognize that your volunteer coaches and team parents serve a vital need in helping provide recreation activities for youth. Furthermore, I understand that serving as a volunteer coach or team parent, I will be a positive role model setting examples for the youth I am coaching, and will strive to uphold a high set of ideals and standards in regards to sportsmanship and fair play for the kids in which I am coaching. I agree to abide by all rules and procedures set forth by the league and any of their affiliated organizations.

- 1. I commit to always showing a positive image.** This means no using, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol or using tobacco products while being associated with this program, including games, practices and meetings.
- 2. I will always be respectful of the kid's parents and others around.** This includes not using profanity, obscene gestures, comments, abusive language to players, parents, officials, league administrators or any other persons associated with this program. This includes any slandering, mean mouthing or disrespecting parents, any fellow coaches, team parents, league officials, league officers, or the organization as a whole either in person, written i.e. text, email, or any form of social media i.e. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- 3. I will show respect for the referees/umpires.** They will often make the wrong call, but the job of the referee/umpire is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
- 4. I will be a role model for the kids and parents regarding good sportsmanship, teamwork, and self-worth.** These things start with the adults, and the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat others.
- 5. I will provide encouragement and support for all of the kids playing.** The kids need to hear my positive encouragement throughout the game.
- 6. I will provide encouragement and support for all players on the team.** As a team, it's important to provide the same support for all of the kids.
- 7. I will respect the opposing team, coaches, and fans.** They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.
- 8. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth and learning.** They will win. They will lose.

They will make mistakes. One of the most important things will be what they learn from success and failure.

9. **I will ensure that all information, expectations and rules are communicated to the parents and kids.** I will read through those expectations with the other coaches, team parent, parents and kids. I understand that as a coach or team parent I am responsible for any and all actions that occur on my team, this includes practices, games, and any team activity.
10. **I will schedule a time with the parents to calmly and constructively discuss concerns rather than during, immediately before or after a practice or game.** Instead of addressing an issue publicly, I will be part of the solution by scheduling a private time to discuss any concerns. If you or the other party are not happy with the outcome of the discussion you then may escalate your concerns or issues to one of the board members or directors.
11. **I will abide by all rules required by the league or affiliated organizations.** All Coaches and Team Parents must complete and pass an online coaches' certification, background check and concussion training.
12. **I will actively participate in the League both during the season and before/after.** Coaches and/or Team Parents shall be at a once a month MANDATORY board meeting set by the Executive Board of Directors as well as any other meetings that the Board of Directors request your attendance at. Any coach/team parent that misses 3 consecutive meetings will be removed from the organization.
13. **I will clearly communicate all fundraising activities.** At the start of each fundraiser you must notify all parents of the minimum requirement they are expected to as well as give them an option that if they do not wish to participate in the fundraiser the coach or team parent will announce a cash amount that you can donate instead. When apparel is bought for the team and the banquet it benefits all of the kids on the team. It is not fair to make a handful of parents raise the majority of the fundraising money.

Any coach or team parent of the league shall be subject to suspension or dismissal from the position if they should fail to follow the above rules or conduct themselves in the commonly accepted manner of good sportsmanship or in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety or welfare of a participant or for actions that are detrimental to the league.

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