

United States Clay Target Academy

Youth Sport Parent Code of Conduct

The USCTA believe the elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship exhibited by the participants of our programs and the coaches, parents, officials, and all others who may be on site at our activities. We believe that the highest potential of all program participants is achieved when the following nine core principles are adhered to:

TRUSTWORTHINESS RESPECT INTEGRITY RESPONSIBILITY FAIRNESS
TEAM WORK CARING DISCIPLINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

In order to participate in this program, I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the sport is for them, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child, or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the sport and the policies of the team and National Governing Bodies.
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 athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators at every competition, practice or related event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, coach, athlete 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 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 athletes, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will not feel defeated by the outcome of a competition or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and training and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire that I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during competition, and likewise, I will not confront coaches at the competition. I will take the time to speak to the coach at an agreed upon time and place to discuss any issues that I may have.
16. I will promote a positive, cohesive team atmosphere by refraining from gossip, spreading rumors and hearsay. I will discuss any questions or concerns regarding team business with only the Coaches.
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
18. I will refrain from coaching my child or other athletes at any time.

Date: _____

Athlete Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature(s): _____