

PSADA.

PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that participation in sports is a privilege that should never be taken for granted; and
- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents should provide a supportive, positive athletic environment where children will be able to enjoy sports' participation and maintain a proper perspective concerning winning; and
- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents should allow and encourage their children to experience fun in their participation on athletic teams and minimize the pressure on them. The focus should be to learn the lessons' in life and to be a positive team member; and
- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents should teach their children to model respectful behavior, to handle frustrations and to understand what is best for the team rather than what is the athlete's personal best interest; and
- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that athletes should be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports so that they can be introduced to multiple skills that are necessary for athletic development; and
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 P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents should be positive role models especially with regards to good sportsmanship. They need to demonstrate respect to parents, team members, coaches and officials. Public confrontation should be avoided. Parents should refrain from crossing the line from being a supportive to being a negative and adversarial parent. Athletes need to compete without parental coaching from the sidelines; and
- WHEREAS P.S.A.D.A. believes that adults need to separate their ego from the accomplishments of their children. Adults also need to view money and time dedicated on a child's sports experience as an investment in which children demonstrate a positive and admirable effort and not an investment on which they expect a monetary return; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents should always provide unconditional love and support regardless of the athletic performance of their child. Mistakes made in competition should not result in negative responses from a parent; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT P.S.A.D.A. believes that parents need to teach their children to embrace their role as a team member and to reinforce the importance of always focusing on the elements that they can control attitude, effort and contributions to the team. Children need to honor the game in which they are participating and competing with integrity.

