

## **Personal Code of Ethics for Parents, Family Members and Guest**

The essential elements of ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship using several core principles which include: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of an athletic program is achieved when all parties involved reflect these principals. Parents and other spectators should always provide positive support, for their child, all other players, coaches, game officials, school administrators and the athletic program itself by demonstrating encouragement, good sportsmanship and support at every game, practice or other athletic activity or event. Parents shall treat all players, cheerleaders, coaches, fans, game officials and school administrators with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. Furthermore they must respect the game officials, coaches and school administrators' authority and direction(s) at all times.

Parents and other spectators will refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products at all times during any athletic activity or event, home or away. Parents, family members (and their guests) should not engage in any kind of negative conduct with the game officials, coaches, opposing players or other parents such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. Parents must not discuss, question or confront the coaches concerning the actions or decisions he/she has made; before, during or after any game or practice. Parents who wish to speak with coaches must schedule a meeting through the Campus Principal. The Athletic Department, School Administrators and Coaches will always try to be receptive to parental input, questions and concerns.

**The Advantage Academy Athletic Department asks that all parents, family members and guest abide by the following:**

- Respect the playing of the game, appreciate and enjoy the effort of the participants;
- Recognize the officials as persons of integrity and qualification and respect their decisions accordingly;
- Refrain from creating disturbances that would be detrimental to the flow of the game and/or the safety of the participants involved;
- Respect all players, coaches, and officials, regardless of team loyalty (essential for raising the standards of good sportsmanship);
- Follow all directives from school administrators, crowd control personnel and local law enforcement officials;
- Be a positive role model and supporter by encouraging the positive aspects of the sport or play. (Refrain from sideline coaching or officiating);
- Maintain a distance from players and coaches during games and contests. (team benches are for the use of team members only);
- Refrain from the use of name calling, harassment (includes sexual content) or badgering;
- Provide support for the School, Campus Administrators, Coaches, Game Officials and your child;
- Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment by example and by assisting in its enforcement by notifying school administrators of its use; and
- Refrain from providing food or drink to players during games and contests.

Parents should read and understand all Advantage Academy policies, procedures, rules and district handbooks as they pertain to student and parent responsibilities. Parents should also read all provided UIL and TEA INFORMATION that pertain to athletics and the athlete. Parents are asked to support and assist the schools coaches and administrators with implementation and the enforcement of all required aspects of league and district athletics. Parents can demonstrate their pledge to their athlete and the school's athletic program by participating and volunteering when and where they can.

**As a caring responsible parent/guardian of an Advantage Academy student-athlete, I will:**

- 1)** Remember that participation in sports should be fun and that the game is for the players, not the adults;
- 2)** Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning;
- 3)** Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard;
- 4)** Make my child feel like a winner regardless;
- 5)** Never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition;
- 6)** Not encourage any behavior(s) or practice(s) that would endanger the health, safety or welfare of my child or others in attendance;
- 7)** Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence;
- 8)** Emphasize skill development and the importance of practice along with their benefits and communicate such to my child;
- 9)** Demand that my child treat others with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability;
- 10)** Abide by all school district and campus policies and procedures;
- 11)** Learn the rules of the game, the policies of the school and league regulations;
- 12)** Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win;
- 13)** Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and/or practices;
- 14)** Inform the coach of any physical or health issues or concerns that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others; and
- 15)** Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco.