
ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Ages 9 and under

Athlete agrees to follow this *Athletes' Code of Conduct* while participating in the VillaSport Sports Leagues.

- I will try hard to learn my sport.
- I will be nice to my teammates, coaches, parents and the players on the other teams.
- I will work hard with my team.
- I will pay attention to my coaches and the officials.
- I will be ready to listen and play when I get to practices and games.
- I will always be a good sport in practices and games, whether we win or lose.
- I will talk nicely to my coaches, my teammates, my parents, my opponents and the officials and not use bad language at my games and practices.
- I will play by the rules that my coaches teach me.
- I will never act unsportsmanlike to anyone and will not hit, kick, throw things, laugh at or make fun of anyone for any reason.
- I will treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, creed or ability.
- I will respect and listen when my coaches and other players are talking and will not talk when someone else is talking.
- I will abide by the VillaSport Club Rules and Regulations.

And most important, I will play for fun!

I understand and agree that not respecting this *Athletes' Code of Conduct* will get me into trouble and discipline will be given.

ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Ages 10+

Athlete agrees to follow this *Athletes' Code of Conduct* while participating in the VillaSport Sports Leagues.

- I will work hard to improve my skills.
- I will be a team player and get along with my teammates.
- I will learn and display teamwork and sportsmanship.
- I will be ready to play when I arrive at my practices and games.
- I will learn the rules and work hard to play by them.
- I will respect my teammates, my opponents, officials and spectators.
- I will not strike, push, threaten to strike or otherwise physically or verbally intimidate a teammate, opponent, official or spectator before, during or after a game or practice.
- I will not use rough tactics during the course of a game or practice.
- I will not engage in an abusive, verbal attack upon any official or individual on or off the field/court.
- I will not use trash talk, profane, obscene or vulgar language, under any circumstances, on or off the field/court.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as throwing equipment, or any other forceful action at any time.
- I will always accept and abide by the decision of an official.
- I will abide by the rules of VillaSport and respect all VillaSport property at all times.
- I will treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, creed or ability.
- I will conduct myself in a manner consistent with the ideals, values and traditions of sportsmanship and kindness to others.
- I will abide by the VillaSport Club Rules and Regulations.

And most important, I will play for fun!

I understand and agree that non-adherence to the above-stated *Athletes' Code of Conduct* will result in disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent agrees to follow this *Parents' Code of Conduct* while his/her child is participating in the VillaSport Sports Leagues.

- My child is involved in organized sports for his/her enjoyment. I will not force my child to participate in sports and support his/her decision to play his/her chosen sport and help to make it fun.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules. I will remember that children learn best by example; therefore, I will applaud both teams.
- I will not embarrass my child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. All children will benefit by my example of showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants.
- I will emphasize skill development and practice sessions and how they benefit my young athlete.
- I will do my best to know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the field/court. Criticism only hurts the game and well-being of all players.
- I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, as well as enforce the positive points of the game. I will never yell at any child at or after a game or practice — it is destructive. I will work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- I understand that this commitment is about fun and enjoyment. I will strive to ensure that all participants have a good time.
- I will not make negative remarks or gestures to the opposing team, coaches, officials or spectators. I understand that parents/spectators are subject to having technical fouls called by an official on their team for negative comments.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game.
- I will create a safe and healthy environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for the children and not the parents.
- I will ensure that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, creed or ability.
- I will bring my child to the games and practices regularly and on time.
- My child and I will conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with the ideals, values and traditions of sportsmanship and kindness to others.
- I recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of my child and the sport. I will communicate with and support them.
- I will abide by the VillaSport Club Rules and Regulations.

And most important, I will encourage my child to play for fun!

I understand and agree that non-adherence to the above-stated *Parents' Code of Conduct* will result in disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Coach agrees to follow this *Coaches' Code of Conduct* while coaching in the VillaSport Sports Leagues.

- I will care more about the children than winning the game. I will remember that players are involved in sports for fun and enjoyment.
- I will provide fair and equitable playing time to all players regardless of their skill level.
- I will be a positive role model to my players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players, both on and off the field/court.
- I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest, fair and just; offer only positive and constructive criticism to players.
- I will adjust to the personal needs and problems of each player and be a good listener.
- I will not verbally or physically abuse a player, official or spectator at any time.
- I will give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem.
- I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for my players. I will familiarize myself with the rules, techniques and strategies of the sport I am coaching and encourage all of my players to be team players.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with my players' parents.
- I will be concerned with the overall development of my players, treat each player as an individual, and expect age-appropriate skills from all my players.
- I will be courteous and will not use profanity at any time.
- I will respect game officials, opposing teams' coaches and players and spectators, and I will take steps to ensure that players and parents do the same.
- I will ensure that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, creed or ability.
- I will respect and abide by decisions made by VillaSport Sports staff.
- I will coach my team, not officiate the game. I will respect the decisions of referees and coaches.
- I will reinforce to my players and coaches the ideals, values and traditions of sportsmanship and kindness to others.
- I will abide by the VillaSport Club Rules and Regulations.

And most important, I will encourage my players to play for fun!

I understand and agree that non-adherence to the above-stated *Coaches' Code of Conduct* will result in disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis.