

## TEMPE RIO SALADO LITTLE LEAGUE PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. **I will** remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. **I will** inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. **I will** learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. **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 players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
5. **I will** teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. **I will** demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. **I will** teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
8. **I will** praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
9. **I will** never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. **I will** emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
11. **I will** promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
12. **I will** respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
13. **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 sports events.
14. **I will** refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
15. **I will not** force my child to participate in sports.
16. **I (and my guests) will not** engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
17. **I will not** encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

### *Enforcement of Parent Code of Conduct*

The **first** time an infraction of the Parent Code of Conduct takes place, a member of the Board of Directors will meet with the adult to discuss the infraction as well as an alternative means of behavior. A written warning will be issued to the parent.

If a **second** infraction occurs, the Board of Directors will suspend the adult from attending three (3) games and/or practices. A written warning will be issued to the parent stating that further infractions will result in his/her suspension from all games, practices and events for the remainder of the season, including the All-Star tournament.

If a **third** infraction occurs, the Board of Directors will suspend the adult from attending any games, practices or events for the remainder of the season, including the All-Star tournament.

In an extreme case, the Board of Directors may choose to skip any or all steps in the enforcement process and move directly to suspension of the adult from all games, practices and events for the remainder of the season, including the All-Star tournament.

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ **agree to abide by the Parent Code of Conduct as stated above and to comply with any disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_