

## **GRAHAM SPORTS AUTHORITY COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators are the primary consideration governing competition in the Graham Sports Authority (GSA), the following Code of Conduct has been established.

I acknowledge that my primary responsibility is to promote a healthy, pleasant and safe environment for players to participate in recreational sports. In order to fulfill my obligation:

- I will fully abide by the policies, rules, and guidelines set forth by the GSA.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or event.
- I will help every player enjoy the sports experience by helping in whatever ways I am capable of.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of each player ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will not knowingly allow a player to play in a game if that player does not meet the guidelines for eligibility.
- I will ensure that all assistant coaches under my authority will abide by the Code of Conduct;
- I understand that this is a **RECREATIONAL PROGRAM** and not a professional league. I will do my very best to make sporting events fun for all.
- I will inform parents of all practice and game times and will inform both players and parents of my expectations.
- I will be a positive role model for players by never:
  - Using or tolerating obscene language and gestures;
  - Physically or verbally intimidating a player;
  - Making discriminating remarks based on race, religion, gender or national origin;
  - Consuming or allowing the consumption of alcohol or being inebriated during practices, games or whenever in the presence of players;
  - Encouraging, tolerating or indulging in substance abuse;
  - Smoking, vaping, or using tobacco products during team activities (practice, games, travel time, etc.)
- I will insist that participants play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will respect instructors, officials and players, both on my team and other teams.
- I will know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the field/court. This approach will help in the development and support of the game.
- I will provide support for all coaches and officials to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all.
- I will assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games
- I will insist other players, coaches, fans and officials treat each other with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- If I have a legitimate concern, I will inform the GSA first.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all sports events and while overseeing youth on the road. In accordance with City of Graham ordinances and Texas State Laws, no alcohol is allowed on parks premises or GISD properties. This includes but is not limited to the GISD lobby, dressing rooms, playing area, entry doors and grounds. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action against the offending individual(s) or the entire team, including possible suspension from the GSA. Tobacco and other drugs are prohibited on GISD property as well.

The GSA has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for fighting. Fighting will not be tolerated. Any player assessed a major penalty and a game misconduct for fighting will result in a player being ejected for the duration of that game, plus the next three games minimum. All first offense fighting majors may also result in a Season Suspension without refund.

I understand and am willing to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth above. I understand that failure to do so will result in reprimands from the Board of Directors. Reprimands may include, but are not restricted to: verbal reprimand, suspension from play, and expulsion from current and future GSA activities.

Graham Sports Authority has the right to warn, suspend, or dismiss any program participant, spectator or member of our programs and facilities upon the following conditions:

- If their behavior poses a threat to themselves or others
- If they require an inordinate amount of attention from the staff thereby causing inadequate levels of supervision for the remainder of the participants or members
- If their behavior is determined to be inappropriate within the scope and spirit of the GSA
- For any reason within the discretion of the GSA directors

Any person dismissed for any major infraction will have to meet with administration before returning to play.

I have read and fully understand the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth above.

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_