



Deep Creek Athletic Association Code of Conduct - Parents & Players

All must review, sign & abide by the Code of Conduct.

DCAA PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

***All league parents will be held responsible for their spectators in attendance at any practice, game or event.**

RESPECT

- Treat all players, parents, coaches, umpires, board members, & spectators with respect at all times; regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
- Be a positive role model for your child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, & spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
- Respect & support umpires and league officials and their authority during practices and games. Refrain from questioning/confronting coaches at the game field; take time to speak to coaches at an agreed-upon time & place.
- Refrain from engaging in (and allowing guests to engage in) unsportsmanlike conduct with umpires, players, coaches, or other parents such as booing, taunting, jeering, & using profane language or inappropriate/offensive gestures.
- Remember that everyone associated with the league is a volunteer and that they are

SAFETY

- The possession of and/or use of alcohol, or illegal drugs and substances is **STRICTLY** prohibited at the Deep Creek Athletic Association fields, surrounding areas, or any other fields teams may interlock at.
- Maintain a sports environment that is safe for all.
- All City of Chesapeake policies are to be followed at all times.
- Ensure players follow the Pony League & DCAA rules of play.
- Take appropriate steps to protect others, especially children, from inappropriate & unsafe conduct.
- Cigarette smoking/vaping is **ONLY** permitted in designated smoking areas of the complex.
- Only uniformed players, managers, coaches, designated team parent(s), & scorekeepers are allowed in the dugouts. (Unauthorized persons in the dugout will be asked to leave and after one warning, further disciplinary actions may follow.)
- Inform the coach of any physical disability, health concern, or ailment

RESPONSIBILITY

- Understand and adhere to the DCAA Parent Code of Conduct.
- Read, understand, and become familiar with Deep Creek Athletics rules & Pony rules, regulations, and policies for the current season. (DCAA rules are available on our website www.deepcreekathletics.org)
- Provide positive support, care, and encouragement for the athletes participating in activities of DCAA. (All parents, fans, and spectators are asked to support their team and are encouraged to cheer for all players.)
- Encourage players to do their best at all times, & practice good sportsmanship.
- Support coaches and officials working with the athletes to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. (Be supportive of their decisions, & follow team rules as set by the managers & league.)
- Be supportive of & participate in league activities, games, tournaments, & fundraising events.
- Every family is responsible for

donating their time and energies to provide a sporting opportunity for all players.

- Never ridicule or yell at your player or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players during games and practices, unless you are one of the official coaches of the team, or requested to do so by an official coach.
- Refrain from discussing publicly with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of any players or coaches during the game.
- Refrain from challenging any umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including the removal from the game and/or park.

that may affect the safety of your child or others.

- Warn athletes about the dangers of unhealthy and illegal substances including alcohol, tobacco, and recreational or performance-enhancing drugs.
- Ensure players are dressed in appropriate uniforms and required gear for practices & games.
- Pick up and dispose of all trash around dugouts and stands after each game or practice.
- Be responsible for the activities and conduct of children (players and non-players) while they are at the Deep Creek fields.
- Do not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes or coaches.
- Put the safety & well-being (emotional & physical) of the child(ren) above the desire to win; never permit athletes to intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to themselves or others.
- All dogs must be leashed at all times & always cleaned up after. Dogs are NOT PERMITTED on fields, in batting cages, in concessions, or dugouts.
- No parking on grass areas on/near fields at any DCAA or City of Chesapeake field or school property.

volunteering in the concession stand each season- *per player*. The shift commitment is the entirety of a "home" game & being present 15 minutes prior to game's start. (One volunteer from each HOME team will have to report to Concessions to work during that game. If nobody reports, the game DOES NOT start.)

- Make an effort to ensure players are properly dressed & equipped, ready to play, at the time and place specified by the Team Manager for ALL practices and games.
- Provide Team Managers with adequate notification if an attendance issue arises for a scheduled practice or game.
- If your player is sick with a contagious illness, please do NOT have them attend practices or games. Players are encouraged to stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours (without medicine).
- Be respectful & responsive to your designated team parent; assist with team responsibilities and commitments.
- Address all concerns and complaints in writing via email to the league President or via our league Feedback Form on our website
www.deepcreekathletics.org





DCAA PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

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RESPONSIBILITY

- Treat all players, parents, coaches, umpires, spectators, & board members with respect at all times; regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
- Do NOT use profanity or abusive language/behavior towards another player, coach, parent, spectator, umpire, or board member at any time.
- Do NOT taunt or tease opposing players, or ridicule/criticize umpires.
- Do NOT conduct oneself in unsportsmanlike behavior, or intimidate/distract players on any team and/or officials; including but limited to making inappropriate gestures, antagonizing, taunting, demeaning, belittling, and using disparaging/offensive language.
- Respect the play call of Umpires (and/or Coaches) & address any questions/concerns about said call in a respectful manner at an appropriate time.
- Respect at all times all property belonging to Deep Creek Athletic Association and/or City of Chesapeake Parks & Rec, as well as the property and equipment of other players.
- Refrain from discussing publicly with others in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of any players or persons during the game.
- Refrain from challenging any umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including the removal from the game and/or park.

- The possession of and/or use of alcohol, or illegal drugs and substances is **STRICTLY** prohibited at the Deep Creek Athletics fields, surrounding areas, or any other fields teams may visit when interlocking.
- Maintain a sports environment that is safe for all.
- All City of Chesapeake policies are to be followed at all times.
- Players shall not throw or kick bats, helmets, or any other equipment (league-issued or personal).
- Pick up and dispose of all trash around dugouts & stands after each game and practice.
- Put safety & well-being (emotional & physical) of others above the desire to win; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to yourself or others.
- Ensure you are dressed in the appropriate uniform and required gear for all practices and games.
- No parking on grass areas on/near fields at any DCAA or City of Chesapeake field or school property.

- Understand & adhere to the DCAA Player Code of Conduct.
- Read, understand, and become familiar with Deep Creek Athletics rules, Pony rules, regulations, and policies for the current season. (DCAA rules are available on our website).
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- Play by the rules of the game and adhere to the policies of DCAA & PONY.
- Privilege to Compete — Participation in community sports programs is a privilege, not a right, and players are expected to represent their league, team, and teammates with honor, on and off the field.
- Players are encouraged to maintain satisfactory grades in school.
- Attend practices and games and provide adequate notification to Team Manager if unable to do so.
- Respect the coaches' time and efforts. (Be on time for practices & games, in the correct uniform & gear; be an active, positive, & engaged participant throughout the entire activity; assist with field/dugout cleanup after all practices and games.)

DCAA PARENT/GUARDIAN & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

**** There is a Zero Tolerance Policy for any persons who physically or verbally abuse or intimidate players, coaches, officials, board members, or Deep Creek Athletic Association participants.**

**** Any person guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or DCAA event may be asked to leave the field or facility and may be suspended from the following practice and/or game. Repeat violations may result in multiple suspensions or the forfeiture of the privilege of participating in all Deep Creek Athletic Association events for the duration of the season.**

**** Any extreme or egregious actions conducted by players, parents/spectators, or team managers/coaches may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, outside of the written consequences, and brought to the Board of Deep Creek Athletic Association for review and action to be taken.**

DCAA PARENT/GUARDIAN & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, (DCAA parent/guardian), understand & agree that I will abide by the above Code of Conduct. I also understand that I am responsible for my player(s) following the DCAA Player Code of Conduct, AND I am responsible for any and all spectators that accompany me to a DCAA game, practice or event.

* If I do NOT abide by the DCAA Code of Conduct, I understand that I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following: verbal warning by an official, coach, or DCAA Board Representative; ejection from the field or facility; game suspension, game forfeit; or season(s) suspension with no refund of fees and no credits for future seasons.

