



*The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley is to provide positive opportunities for youth to learn and succeed.*

## Parents Code of Ethics

**Sportsmanship is defined as fairness in following the rules of the game or conduct and attitude considered as befitting participants in sports, especially fair play, courtesy, striving spirit, and grace in winning and in losing. It's about respect for self, the opposition, game officials and the game itself.**

This agreement is intended to establish and sustain a positive environment for the youth who participate in our athletic programs. Being a part of this league is a privilege not a requirement. We reserve the right to deny participation at any time during or before the start of the league season.

1. I will encourage, but not force my child to participate in athletic programs.
2. I will assist the Club in teaching my child the importance of following all club rules and regulations.
3. I understand that children learn best by example and that I will always attempt to set a good example for my child and any other children who participate or have any involvement with the Club.
4. I will teach my child that honesty and hard work are important and rewarding.
5. I will teach my child that one individual does not cause the team to win or lose. It is always a team effort.
6. I will teach and demonstrate by example the importance of good sportsmanship in victory and in defeat.
7. I will not publicly question the honesty, integrity or judgment of the volunteer coaches, umpires or referees.
8. I understand that verbal and physical abuse is not tolerated against anyone in this Club; verbal abuse includes profanity and disrespectful language.
9. I understand that racial epithets or negative innuendo related to a person's race, religion or ethnicity will not be tolerated.
10. I recognize that respect among everyone is necessary for success in this Club and that all adult volunteers and staff are entitled to respect, as are the children.
11. As a Parent, Guardian or Spectator, I will handle disagreements in a responsible and appropriate manner. I agree not to engage in divisive activity such as verbal and physical confrontation. I agree to first submit my complaints to the Athletic Director of the Club in writing.

By signing below, I understand that if I violate this agreement your child may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include probation, suspension, and/or expulsion from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley activities.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Please Print Name

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Date

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Sport

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Member Name

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Date