

# Berlin Athletic Association

## **Code of Conduct**

The **Berlin A.A.**, an organization dedicated to promoting the healthy development of youth in sports, has adopted the following **Code of Conduct** for parents and spectators to abide by at every game and practice. The **Code of Conduct** can also be found posted through out our complex. Parents, fans and coaches who follow this simple **code** can help reinforce what sports are all about, **FUN FOR EVERYONE**.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in these core principles:

**Good Sportsmanship - Respect - Responsibility - Fairness - Caring - Positive Communication**

I therefore agree:

- I/We will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I/We will be 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 other Berlin AA event.
- I/We will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I/We will see that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I/We will teach my children that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I/We will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I/We will provide a safe environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I/We will refrain from their use at every game, practice.
- I/We will learn the rules of the game and policies of the league.
- I/We (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of inappropriate conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures.
- I/We also agree that if I/We fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I/We will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:
  1. Verbal warning by official, coach, and/or President of the league
  2. Written warning
  3. Parental / Spectator game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
  4. Parental / Spectator season suspension
  5. Parental / Spectator disbarment
  6. Parental / Spectator / Player removal

**That these actions must not be necessarily taken in an escalated manner and Berlin A.A. reserves the right to select and apply any penalty dependant on the situation.**

The aforementioned Code of Conduct is pursuant with N.J.S.A. 5:17-1 and N.J.S. 2C:12-1.