

## **DVUSD Code of Conduct for the Parents of Student-Athletes**

We believe that interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to the six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship, (the "Six Pillars of Character"). This Code applies to all parents of student-athletes involved in DVUSD sports.

### ***TRUSTWORTHINESS***

*Trustworthiness* – be worthy of trust in all you do.

- *Integrity* – live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; do what is right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.
- *Honesty* – live and act honorably, do not allow your children to lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or un-sportsmanlike conduct.
- *Reliability* – fulfill commitments; do what you say you will do; be on time; when you tell your children you will attend an event, be sure to do so.
- *Loyalty* – be loyal to your school and team; put the team above your interests and those of your child.

### ***RESPECT***

*Respect* – treat people with respect all the time and require the same of your children.

*Class* – live and cheer with class; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; compliment extraordinary performance and show respect for all competitors.

*Personal Conduct* – refrain from profanity, disrespectful conduct, and the use of alcohol or tobacco in front of student-athletes or other situations where your conduct could undermine your positive impact as a role model.

*Respect Officials* – treat contest officials with respect; do not complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

*Respect Coaches* – treat coaches with respect at all times; recognize that they have team goals beyond those of your child. Do not shout instructions to players from the stands; let coaches coach.

### ***RESPONSIBILITY***

*Importance of Education* – stress that student-athletes are students first. Be honest with your children about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level. Place the academic, emotional, physical and moral well-being of your children above desire and pressures to win.

*Role-Modeling* – Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a role model for your children.

*Self-Control* – exercise self-control; do not fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration. Have the strength to overcome the temptation to demean others.

*Integrity of the Game* – protect the integrity of the game; do not gamble on your children’s games.

*Privilege to Compete* – assure that you and your child understand that participation in interscholastic sports is a privilege, not a right, and that they are expected to represent their team, school and family with honor, on and off the field.

*Healthy Lifestyle* – safeguard your health; do not use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

**FAIRNESS**

*Be Fair* – treat all competitors fairly, be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

**CARING**

*Encouragement* – encourage your children regardless of their play; offer positive reinforcement. Demonstrate sincere interest in your child’s play.

*Concern for Others* – demonstrate concern for others; never encourage the injury of any player, official or fellow spectator.

*Empathy* – consider the needs and desires of our child’s teammates in addition to your own; help promote the team concept by encouraging all team members, understanding that the coach is responsible for determining playing time.

**CITIZENSHIP**

*Know the Rules* – maintain a thorough knowledge of all applicable game and competition rules.

*I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be forbidden from attending games or practices if I violate any of its provisions.*

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Date

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