

Safe Stars Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/injury-and-violence-prevention-programs/ivp-programs/safe-stars-initiative.html>

1. I understand and endorse the purpose of sports that fall under NFHS guidelines.
2. I acknowledge that the experiences that my child has in youth sports will deeply inform their character, identity, and worldview for years to come. As a parent/guardian, I can use this experience to deepen our relationship or to severely damage it.
3. I acknowledge that coaching is hard work and being a great mentor-coach is even harder. I will support the coaches in the mission to use this sport to develop my child into their best self on and off the field.
4. I will applaud behavior in my child and his teammates that demonstrate healthy characteristics of integrity, empathy, sacrifice, and responsibility. I will not only affirm athletic performance or victory.
5. I assume my position as a role model for my child and his teammates, talking politely and acting courteously toward coaches, officials, other parents, and spectators.
6. I will show good sportsmanship by applauding the efforts of the other team members and our opponents.
7. I will accept defeat and disappointment graciously, knowing my child learns more in these moments than in triumph.
8. I will support the team regardless of how much my child plays or what the win-loss record is.
9. I will not hurt my child and embarrass myself by berating and shaming my child over a game. If my child hears my voice in games or practice it will be to encourage and build up.
10. If I have a disagreement with a coach, official, fan, or another adult, I will choose to address that issue at another time where kids are not present and everyone has had a chance to cool off.
11. I will let the coaches coach and the officials officiate. I recognize that neither job is easy and they are trying to do their best just like I am.
12. If I have concerns about how a coach or another adult is treating my child, I will have a conversation with that person first and then report it to the proper leadership if it does not resolve itself.

Because I am a parent with the power and platform to make a positive difference in the life of every player, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to these standards, I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

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