



Parent's Code of Conduct

Preamble:

The foundation upon which the GSCL is based, and one essential for fulfillment of its mission, is a focus upon the high ideals of climbing as part of the total educational process, promoting physical, social and emotional development of children.

The concept is an ancient one: **that sport is to be enjoyed and sport participants are to respect one another, "to be a good sport"**. Such a concept warrants, in fact demands, the universal acceptance by all GSCL personnel - Chairman, Coaches, Participants, and Parents.

It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not force my child to participate in climbing or competing.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that climbing competitions are for the youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the climbing competitions and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a 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 competition, practice or other climbing event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, climber, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the climber.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a climb or his/her performance.

11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the climbers ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the competition, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during competitions and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
17. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
18. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
19. I will not engage in the use of profanity and I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by the league.
2. Written warning issued by a league.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by a league.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the league.

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date : _____