

PAPAGO FITA ARCHERY

PARENT/GUARDIAN

CODE OF CONDUCT

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."

As the parent or guardian of a Papago FITA Archery (PFA) shooter, I recognize that my child's individual success is linked to PFA's program and success. As such, in consideration of my child being allowed to participate in any capacity with the PFA, my family consents to be bound by the general and, when applicable, the specific items/principles as explained below, subject to any reasonable modifications as presented by the PFA from time to time.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in the sport of archery.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the PFA archery "game" is for 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 game and the policies of PFA and 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 participants, coaches, volunteers, officials and spectators at every practice and/or event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, participant, volunteer, 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 well-being of any athlete.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child treat other participants, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex 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 game 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. I will also deemphasize competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials, coaches, and volunteers AND their authority during events and will never question, discuss, or confront any of these individuals at the practice and/or event field, but rather will take time to speak with the individuals at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all practices and events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child and/or other players during events and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches for PFA.

Because I understand that the rules and principles set forth above are so critical to my child's well-being and the success of the PFA, I further agree that I, my child, and/or my guests may be asked to leave, permanently or temporarily, a PFA archery related practice or event if a representative of the PFA determines that my/our presence is detrimental in any way.

Parent's Name (printed): _____

Child's Name (printed): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____