



Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Club

Parent Code of Conduct

Preamble

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 agree:

- I will encourage my child's participation in sport, support club and the team by encouraging sportsmanship and by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and other sporting event
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will remind 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.
- I will promote a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will support the decisions made by the coach during games and practices. Any disagreements will be brought to the attention of the coach(s) through the proper channels, as stipulated by the Stoirm Volleyball Club
- I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following: Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
 - Written warning
 - Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
 - Game forfeit through the official or coach
 - Parental season suspension

Finally it should be noted that the Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Club Executive will not tolerate the denigration or abuse of any of our coaches, athletes or officials. Failure of a parent to abide by the above noted rules and guidelines may result in that parent's child being no longer welcome with the Stoirm Volleyball Club

This code of conduct has been adapted from one drafted by the Halifax Metro Hurricanes Volleyball Club, originating from the Massachusetts Governor's Committee on physical fitness and sports and the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation Inc. and appears at <http://www.nyssf.org/sportparentcodeofconduct.html>.