



# Arbutus Athletic Association

A Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Program

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As we attempt to promote the most positive experience for the youth of Arbutus Athletic Association (AAA) (surrounding communities), we are committed to the following standards. All coaches, spectators and players should read the following standards and sign below to indicate their agreement to abide by them. As parents/guardians of a player, you are responsible for **yourself, as well as, all guests and family members who attend Arbutus Football & Cheer events and activities**. In addition, the team's staff will be held accountable for the behavior of their team's spectators and will be disciplined accordingly if spectators, player and/or coaches do not uphold these standards.

## **ALL COACHES, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS WILL:**

1. Comply with policies and procedures of Baltimore County Recreation and Parks & schools as communicated by recreation council volunteers or County staff. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Respect all participants, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers at every practice or youth sports event and encourage children to do the same. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Refrain from abusive or inappropriate language or gestures toward officials, volunteers, coaches, staff and participants. With the exception of a congratulatory handshake or "high five", never make inappropriate physical contact with participants, coaches, staff, officials or volunteers. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Accept the decision of the officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. Spectators should never go onto the floor or playing field, or approach the official scorekeeper, while the game is in progress or immediately after the event. Allow the coach/AD to take all questions, rule interpretations or concerns to the appropriate league official. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Refrain from giving the children instructions during the game - allow the coaches to guide them. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Help ensure the safety of the playing area by reporting any unsafe hazards, removing trash, refraining from the use of tobacco within 50 yards of playing field or program site and refraining from the use of alcohol or other drugs at or immediately prior to all youth sports events. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of health, injuries and ability to play. \_\_\_\_\_
8. If for some reason a player and /or parent have a conflict with any of the above standards, the player and/or parent **must wait 24 hours after the game/competition before approaching or contacting the coach about the situation**. This is to protect both player and coach from saying something that either party will regret. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Ensure that the actions of the team and all persons involved with the team both on and off the field do not bring discredit upon the team, the Association, or Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. This includes defamatory or detrimental posting on websites, social media, and any/all public forums.
10. I understand that I am responsible for any friends or family in attendance and will hold them to the same conduct as listed above. \_\_\_\_\_
11. I acknowledge that I have received, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Discipline and Adverse Action policy. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Penalty for non-compliance:**

If a coach, player or spectator is ejected for these or any reason, they may not attend the next two (2) games played. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League AD and Executive Board prior to returning to any event. In addition, if the Head Coach in attendance has been warned by the official(s) about the behavior of a spectator at the game, and takes no action at all that AD/coach will be suspended for at least one (1) game. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League AD and Executive Board prior to returning to any event. If a coach, player or spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, they will not be allowed to attend any AAA sports activity for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League AD, AAA Executive Board and Arbutus Recreation and Parks Executive Board prior to returning to any event. This list of possible disciplinary measures is not exhaustive and the AAA Executive Board may take other disciplinary actions based on the current Discipline and Adverse Action Policy. AAA generally believes in progressive discipline, whereby coaches, players and spectators are subjected to progressively more severe disciplinary measures for repeated offenses. Nevertheless, because offenses frequently vary in detail and circumstances, no exact pattern of discipline is required. Accordingly, the AAA Executive Board may deviate from any order or system of discipline whenever it determines that such action is warranted. Furthermore, no single disciplinary action shall be construed as setting a precedent for disciplinary actions for other offenses that may be perceived to be of a like or similar nature.

*We agree to help make youth sports fun and help teach our players good sportsmanship. I/We understand and will abide by the above standards (Please sign and return this form to your child's coach)*

<b>Athlete Name:</b>	_____	Date:	_____
	Please Print		
<b>Parent Name:</b>	_____	Signature:	_____
	Please Print		Date:
<b>AD:</b>	_____	Signature:	_____
	Please Print		Date:
<b>Coach:</b>	_____	Signature:	_____
	Please Print		Date: