

# Southwest Public Schools Code of Conduct

Athletic and activity programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our children. It is essential for the parents/guests to encourage athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. In order to do this, adults involved in attending school events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. **I therefore pledge to be responsible for my own words and actions while attending a Southwest Public Schools event and conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct.**

**I/we will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, cheerleaders, coaches and officials at every game, meet, practice or event.**

**I/we will place the emotional and physical well-being of students ahead of my personal desire to win.**

**I/we will support coaches and officials working with students in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**

**I/we will demand a sports environment free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from use at all school activities.**

**I/we will remember that the activity is for the students and not the adults.**

**I/we will ask my student to treat other players, cheerleaders, coaches, fans, parents and officials with respect regardless of race, creed, sex or ability.**

**I/we agree not to deliberately incite or participate in "unsportsmanlike" conduct at any school event.**

**I/we agree not to use abusive or profane language at any time at any school event.**

**I/we agree not to criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate, or otherwise incite the opposing team, its players, coaches, cheerleaders or fans by word of mouth, gestures or actions.**

**I/we agree to accept decisions of the game officials, judges, as being fair and called to the best of their ability.**

**I/we agree to follow the chain of command when having a complaint or voicing my opinion regarding a concern within the Southwest Activities Program. The chain is:**

**A. Head Coach/Director/Sponsor   B. Activities Director   C. Request a meeting with Administration.**

**I/we agree to take responsibility for any actions that violate this code of conduct by a guest, relative or invitee that attends a Southwest activity event.**

**I/we understand that any act of disrespect from a parent/fan/player directed towards game officials/judges, players or coaches, fans from either team or creating a disturbance either in the stands or on the playing field may result in ejection from the contest and suspension for a longer time from Southwest Schools activities.**

**I/we understand by signing this we have read this Code of Conduct and understand what it means to be a good role model for Southwest students.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_