



Fastball St. Albert Code of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Spectators and Parents

Players

Players are expected to observe the following code of conduct:

- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that we are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards
- I will respect the official's decisions and communicate with them in an appropriate manner and I will encourage my teammates to do the same
- I will encourage my teammates to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship
- I will never ridicule or yell at my teammates, opponents, coaches or officials for making a mistake
- I will never participate in, encourage, or condone any bullying behaviour to any player, coach, official, spectator, or parent
- I will report any bullying behaviour I witness to a coach or parent immediately
- I will applaud players' performances on both teams
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- I will not consume alcohol or smoke on, or near the vicinity of the players' benches
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass opponents, coaches, officials or spectators
- I will be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations
- I will respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials
- I will be responsible for my own behavior
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport

Coaches

If players are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, an environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Coaches are expected to observe the following Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that all the players are playing for their enjoyment, not for mine
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all players

- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that the amateur athletes are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards
- I will respect the official's decisions and communicate with them in an appropriate manner and I will encourage my players to do the same
- I will encourage all players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will teach my players good sportsmanship
- I will never ridicule or yell at the players, coaches or officials for making a mistake
- I will applaud good players' performances on both teams
- I will never participate in, encourage, or condone any bullying behaviour to any player, coach, official, spectator, or parent
- I will not condone any bullying behaviour and will involve the FSA board where necessary to ensure a supportive and welcoming environment for all players
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- I will not consume alcohol or smoke on, or near the vicinity of the players' benches while coaching
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations and teach these rules to the players on my team
- I will encourage my players to respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials
- I will be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members, their parents & fans
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport
- I will involve the FSA board in a timely manner where conduct of players, parents or spectators is an ongoing concern

Parents

If children are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, an environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Parents are expected to observe the following Code of Conduct with their child athletes.

- I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will encourage my child to respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials

- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will never participate in, encourage, or condone any bullying behaviour to any player, coach, official, spectator, or parent
- I will report any bullying behaviour I witness to a coach immediately and have my child do the same
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players' performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities
- I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be part of my child's development
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team
- I will educate & encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, & spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport
- I will report any conduct behaviour I observe or witness to the coach in a timely manner and where the conduct in question is coach conduct, I will involve a FSA board member

Spectators

If players are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, an environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Spectators are required to observe the following Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that all the players are playing for their enjoyment, not for mine
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that the amateur athletes are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards
- I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants and other spectators to do the same
- I will encourage all participants to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will never ridicule or yell at the players, coaches, officials or other spectators

- I will never participate in, encourage, or condone any bullying behaviour to any player, coach, official, spectator, or parent
- I will report any bullying behaviour I witness to a coach or parent immediately
- I will applaud good players' performances on both teams
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to the athletes / sport
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport

The FSA board is committed to ensuring a positive, respectful environment which supports the growth and development of all players within the organization. Where conduct is an issue, the board should be involved in a timely manner so that the situation can be monitored and where necessary steps can be taken to correct and eliminate the issues. The board is prepared to take steps as required in order to achieve the positive, respectful environment that we have committed to ensuring for players.