

Athletic Caregiver Code of Conduct

Caregiver support is a key component of a successful athletic program. Caregivers and guests are encouraged to positively support all teams, coaches and athletes during home and away athletic contests. Further, the highest potential of athletics is achieved when caregivers and guests actively promote the six core principles of competition: sportspersonship, leadership, teamwork, responsibility, dedication, and professionalism.

All caregivers who participate in Ithaca Athletic Programs:

Will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all Coaches, Officials, and spectators at every home or away game, practice or sporting event.

Will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child and all student athletes.

Will help 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 or her performance.

Will remember that student athletes participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth.

Will sit in the designated spectator seating areas.

Will demand that my child treat other players, Coaches, Officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

Will respect the Officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront Coaches at the game field.

Will address any unresolved issues with the Coach or Officer of Athletics at an agreed upon time and place.

Will refrain from coaching my child, or other players during games and practices.

Will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of my child or any student athlete.

Will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

Caregivers or guests in violation of the code of conduct may be dismissed, suspended, or permanently expelled from future athletic contest.

I, _____, have read and understand the above code of conduct.

Caregiver signature

Date

Athlete Name

Adoption date: August 27, 2013