

Sothern Victoria High School Athletics Parents Code of Conduct

Child's Name: _____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

I hereby pledge...

- to encourage my child to play by the rules and to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect at all times, both on and off the playing surface, regardless of race, creed, sex, or ability.
- to encourage and display good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players of both teams, opponents, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
- to remember that the game is for the students, not the adults.
- to be supportive after each game, whether the Vikings win or lose. I will recognize good efforts, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- to become familiar with the rules of the game and to support officials. Criticism of the officials only hurts players' and the team's development.
- to recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development to my child, SVHS, and our community.
- to refrain from yelling at players, coaches, officials, or parents, and in particular to refrain from the use of abusive, obscene, or profane language or gestures at SVHS-sponsored events.
- that I will refrain from undermining the team and/or its coaching staff or from spreading ill will by passing on or creating gossip, rumours, and innuendos which would destroy team moral or cohesiveness.
- that I understand that that my child's playing time is determined by his/her awareness of the game, skills, abilities, maturity, and coaches' evaluations. Playing time is at the discretion of the coach(es).
- that I will never attempt to discuss my child's playing time during a game or practice.
- that I will never discuss another child's playing time or performance.
- to respect locker rooms (or other team areas) as private areas for players, coaches, and officials only, unless I am otherwise invited to enter.
- to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, or mind-altering drugs in the presence of student-athletes during school-sanctioned activities or events.

Penalties for Violation of the Parent Code of Conduct

1st violation: Parent/Guardian will be issued a strict warning. Depending on the severity of the issue, school administration and/or the athletic director can issue a suspension from all SVHS athletic competitions, both at home and away, at this (or any other) stage.

2nd violation: Parent/Guardian will be suspended from all SVHS athletic events including practices, games, tournaments, or other team functions—both home and away—for a **minimum of two weeks**. A meeting between parents and school/athletic administration is compulsory before the parent/guardian will be permitted to attend SVHS athletic events once again.

3rd violation: Parent/Guardian will be suspended for **one calendar year** from all SVHS athletic events including games, tournaments, or other team functions, both at home and away. A meeting between parents and school/athletic administration is compulsory before the parent/guardian will be permitted to attend SVHS athletic events once again.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s)

Date