



Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley Athletics Parent Pledge

The Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley Athletics league is a development zone where everything that happens is to achieve the goal of developing better athletes and better people.

As BGCUV Athletics League Parent I will:

- I will trust my child's ability to have fun and achieve success on his/her own.
- I will help my child learn the right lessons from winning and losing from individual accomplishments and mistakes, and from being part of a team.
- I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts.
- I will ensure that my child attends all games and practices possible. If that is not possible, I agree to inform the coach in advance.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun playing sports.
- I will treat all players and coaches on both teams with respect and avoid negative criticism. Public criticism of players and coaches is unethical.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games. Public criticism of officials is unethical.
- I will refrain from inappropriately addressing, threatening, or harassing a coach, player, official or site supervisor before, during or after the game.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, official, or site supervisor.
- I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco products, or other drugs at any BGCUV Athletics game or practice location.
- I understand that anyone (coach, player, or spectator) who demonstrates unruly behavior (i.e., insulting, profane, threatening) or substantially interferes with the orderly operation of the game will be asked to leave the premises. Upon ejection from an event, the offender may be subject to suspension for the rest of the sporting season.

I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.

Non-Directional Cheering

- I will not instruct from the sidelines. My presence on the sideline enhances my child's experience if I play my role. Not playing my role confuses and distracts players from playing, learning, and having fun. To play my role as a parent/spectator, I will refrain from the use of directional cheering.
- I will use non-directional clapping and cheering for good effort, sportsmanship and well executed play or point scored. Calling out "Nice play." "Good hustle!" "Way to play defense!" are good examples of non-directional cheering.

- I will avoid calling out instructions of any kind to the players. Calling out “Box out!” “Get to the line!” “Get in his/her face!” Creates chaos and can be very confusing to players. This is NOT your role! Please let the players play, and the coach, coach the game.

Adopting these philosophies and actions will contribute to a positive, character-building youth sports experience for all the players in the BGCUV Athletics program.

Conduct outside of the BGCUV Athletics pledge will require a compliance meeting with BGCUV Athletics staff to review and evaluate adherence to the BGCUV Athletics Parents Pledge and to determine future actions and possible consequences.

I pledge to observe, practice, and uphold the BGCUV Athletics Parent Pledge.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____