



Elizabethtown Bears Club Parent Code of Conduct

Maintaining a code of conduct for parents involved in the Elizabethtown Bears Club athletics is crucial for maintaining a positive environment.

Supportive Behavior: Parents will encourage and support all players regardless of the outcome of the game or their child's performance.

Respect for Officials: Parents will show respect towards umpires, coaches and league officials at all times. Refrain from questioning calls or making disparaging remarks.

Sideline Positivity: Parents will maintain a positive atmosphere while on the sidelines/stands. Refrain from negative comments regarding players, coaches or other parents.

A **Strike System** will be used for violations.

- **1st Strike:** Verbal warning from an EBC coach or EBC official.
- **2nd Strike:** Written warning and a meeting with EBC officials to discuss behavior.
- **3rd Strike:** Suspension from attending games and events for a specified period to be determined by EBC Board members.

EBC basic guidelines

Focus on Sportsmanship. Emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship and fair play. Cheer in a positive manner. Humiliation does not encourage an athlete, it embarrasses them.

Be a Role Model. Demonstrate respect and integrity. Being a team player is an essential life skill.

EBC/Parent Communication

- **1st Step:** Discuss issue with the head coach (24-hour rule applies here).
- **2nd Step:** Discuss issue with EBC Commissioner for your sport.
- **3rd Step:** Issue remains unresolved, EBC Athletic Director, Paul Ginder should be contacted.

By implementing and enforcing a parent code of conduct, EBC can promote a positive and supportive environment for young athletes to learn and enjoy the sport. It's all about the kids!

- *Paul Ginder, Athletic Director*
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Printed name of athlete

Printed name of parent

Date of Signature

Signature of Parent