



PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULE: Always treat others (coaches, parents, officials and archers) the same way that you would want you and your child to be treated. Set the example by showing respect, dignity, and total sportsmanship at all times.

ACT YOUR AGE: JOAD archery is for kids. If you find yourself becoming too emotionally involved in what's happening on the range, take a step back and relax. Remember, your childhood is over. Give the young players the freedom to enjoy themselves.

BE RESPONSIBLE: Get your kids to practice and tournaments on time. Make sure they have their shirt and water bottle. Help to make sure they eat and drink right before, during and after a practice or tournament.

BE SEEN, NOT HEARD: Nothing is better for a young archer than having their parents on hand to watch them shoot. And nothing is worse for an archer than hearing a parent booing, taunting, screaming or making comments at, or about, other archers, coaches, fans or officials (that includes your team as well as your opponents). Offer applause and cheers of encouragement for all archers, otherwise - keep quiet.

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN! : so help make it that way! Keep smiling. Encourage enjoyment and participation over results. If it's not fun, something is wrong.

MOTIVATE THROUGH CONFIDENCE: Try and identify a positive from every tournament or practice to help build confidence. A young archer's sense of achievement is the greatest motivator.

DON'T QUESTION AN OFFICIAL'S CALL: You may not agree with a call, but it's not your job to officiate a tournament. Let the Archer and the coach communicate with officials.

IF YOU MUST, TALK WITH THE COACH AFTER THE TOURNAMENT OR PRACTICE: or better yet, wait until the next day if you have an issue to discuss about how the coach is running the team. Let the heat of the moment pass never make a scene in front of the team as it's embarrassing for you, your children and coach; chances are nothing will get resolved at that moment anyway.

PUT WINNING & LOSING INTO PERSPECTIVE:
Tournaments have winners AND losers. Keep reminding your child about this reality and the need to deal with both outcomes. Young players should avoid getting too cocky when they win and too upset when they lose.

AVOID THE POST TOURNAMENT ANALYSIS: Don't analyze your archers performance following every tournament. If you do, chances are they will avoid talking to you at all after tournaments, or worse yet, not want you at the tournaments at all. Let your children come to you for advice. It will have more of an impact on them than you going to them.

IF YOU ARE NOT A COACH: avoid coaching others or offering suggestions unless asked. You cannot know what each person's history or developmental plan is, and you may undermine their coach's plan. Unsolicited advice can be very distracting and can adversely affect a young archer's development.

GET INVOLVED: The best way to help your child succeed is to learn the sport with them. Family participation in archery is rewarding. Opportunities are always available within the club and in the archery community. Join USAA. By joining, you can also become an instructor or judge.

***** PARENTS: reminder - IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ACTING IN A SAFE MANNER, ANCHOR POINT ARCHERY HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEM TAKE THE REST OF THE TRAINING DAY OFF. AFTER 3 TIMES OF UNSAFE ACTIONS, THE ARCHER WILL BE TOLD NOT TO RETURN TO ANCHOR POINT ARCHERY. *****

***** THERE ARE TIMES THAT A COACH MAY NEED TO "TOUCH" YOUR CHILD TO GET THEM IN THE CORRECT STANCE OR POSITION***** (this is why we encourage parents to stay & observe your child during practices, let's keep everyone safe)

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED FOR EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS. OUR PARENTS WILL OFTEN TAKE TURNS BRINGING DRINKS AND SNACKS FOR THE KIDS DURING PRACTICES. PLEASE REMEMBER, IT CAN'T ALL BE DONE BY 1 OR 2 PEOPLE.... IT TAKES A TEAM!!