



## **U.S. SQUASH PARENT, COACH, AND ATTENDEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Preamble**

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

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### **Code of Conduct**

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a U.S. Squash event and conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will learn the rules of the squash and abide by all U.S. Squash Policies.
2. I will not engage, nor encourage my child/player, in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage, nor encourage my child/player, in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
4. I will not engage, nor encourage my child/player, in the use of profanity.
5. I will, and encourage my child/player to, treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
6. I will not engage, nor encourage my child/player to engage, in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
7. I will not engage, nor encourage my child/player to engage, in a fight or argue with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
8. I will, and will encourage my child/player to, respect the officials and their authority during a match and will never question, discuss, or confront players or officials before, during or after a match.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a U.S. Squash event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

### **Disciplinary Actions:**

**These disciplinary actions will be imposed in a manner commensurate with their offense and in accordance with the below qualifications of the severity of their disruption or threat.**

1. Verbal warning issued by a league, organization, school official, or U.S. Squash.
2. Written warning issued by a league, organization, school official, or U.S. Squash.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event and/or suspension for a period of time ranging from days to weeks, issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by a school board, youth sports organization, or U.S. Squash.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events and/or suspension for a period of time ranging from weeks to months, issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension by a school board, youth sports organization, or U.S. Squash.
5. Season suspension, multiple season suspension, or lifetime suspension, issued by a school board, youth sports organization or U.S. Squash.

**Types of Infractions**

**Minor Infraction:**

A Minor Infraction will result in penalties and warnings within the rights of a referee during a match and or equal to the disciplinary action 1 or 2 as written above. A Minor Infraction is defined as a single occurrence or disturbance from which no threat has been brought upon any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee though is a violation of the “Parent, Coach and Attendee Code of Conduct” or the rules of squash as they relate to conduct and etiquette.

**Examples of Minor Infractions include but are not limited to:**

- A single instance of disrespectful language or actions directed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
- A single occurrence of excessive tardiness or absenteeism for a U.S. Squash event at which ones presence is obligatory.
- A single occurrence of non-compliance with the policies and rules set forth by U.S. Squash.

**Major Infraction:**

A Major Infraction will result in disciplinary actions involving suspension from a single event, multiple events, a season or multiple seasons. A Major Infraction is defined as repeated minor infraction or a single occurrence or disturbance of an event in which a threat has been brought upon any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee. These threats or actions if deemed sufficiently damaging to the event or sport gives U.S. Squash or the event organizers the right to immediate action in accordance with any and all disciplinary actions as outlined in the “Parent, Coach and Attendee Code of Conduct”.

**Examples of Major infractions include but are not limited to:**

- Multiple reported instances of disrespectful language or actions directed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.
- A threat or act of violence or assault, sexual or otherwise, against any coach, parent, player, participant, official, U.S. Squash staff member or any other attendee.

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