

Gordon Athletic Association Athlete Code of Conduct

My goal is to become the best player I can be. Only I am responsible for my behavior and work ethic. I am fully committed to the Gordon Athletic Association and therefore I will:

- ◆ Conduct myself in a manner to bring credit and prestige to myself and the program.
- Focus on my schoolwork first and athletics second.
- ♦ Attend every possible practice, game and team function. If I am unable to attend, I will personally notify my coach.
- Be ready for practices and games ON TIME.
- Communicate, both on and off the field, with my teammates and coaches for mutual understanding.
- ♦ Discipline my body, including adequate sleep, a healthy diet and ABSTAIN from alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.
- Learn from my mistakes and never make excuses or blame others.
- ♦ Accept all coaching comments and assignments only as ways in which the team and I might improve.
- Disregard the errors of my teammates, as I believe no one is trying to make a mistake.
- Support the full effort and good skills my teammates exhibit.
- Respect the decisions of the coaches, officials and adults who are there to provide a good experience for me.
- Realize that a team is made up of individuals and everyone has a role. I will accept my role on the team and do whatever it takes to be the best I can be.

I pledge not to use profane language or to be physically, verbally or otherwise abusive toward any official, referee, coach, volunteer or spectator no matter the reason. Penalties for doing so, and embarrassing both myself and the GAA program, are understood to be immediate removal from the game venue (1st offense), suspension for me and my parents from the next game (2nd offense) or suspension for our entire family from the GAA program for the remainder of that sport season (3rd offense). Abuse of any type directed at an athlete shall result in immediate suspension pending a hearing before the GAA Executive Board.

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| Player's signature | Date |
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^{*} An electronic signature is as legal and binding as original signature.



I have given permission for my child to participate in Gordon Athletics. We have discussed the risks, commitments, and sacrifices involved and are committed to the success of the program. I understand and accept the obligations of participating, with the following in mind:

- I pledge to encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating <u>positive</u> support for all participants, coaches, and officials and any GAA event either home or away.
- ♦ I will conduct myself in ways that reflect positively on GAA and bring credit to our program
- I will treat all participants (players, coaches, officials/referees, spectators) with the same respect that I would want for my child.
- I pledge not to use abusive or profane language or be physically abusive toward an official, referee, coach, volunteer or spectator and understand that the penalty for doing so will be immediate removal from the game venue (1st offense), suspension for me and my child from the next game (2nd offense) or suspension for our entire family from the GAA program for the remainder of that sport season (3rd offense).
- ♦ I understand that the use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs on or near fields when athletes occupy will not be tolerated in accordance with VA. CODE § 15.2-2820 through 15.2-2833
- I will remember that GAA is for the athletes and not for the adults. I will not use the coaches as
 a babysitting service and will supervise any children I bring to the field for practices, games or
 events.
- I understand that the coaches will place and play my child as they deem best for both the team and my child's abilities. I will accept and not interfere with their decisions.
- I will respect my child's coaches and do my best to have my child at all practices, games and activities on time. I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches to the success of the program and the growth of my child and will support them as best I can.
- I will support our team, and all those who volunteer to run the GAA programs, as they strive to give my child a positive experience. I will volunteer when I can and understand that I will be asked to participate in activities such as providing occasional snacks/drinks or assist in fundraising efforts such as working the concession stand at games.

I give my permission to the Gordon Athletic Association to use my child's picture or likeness, which may be taken at any activity or even, for use in advertising, promotional materials, website displays, or publications.

I understand that the GAA will use email to contact me regarding practice or game changes, helpful information, and team updates in general. I can be reached at the following email address(s):

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| 2 | registered under the name of | |
| Child's Name | Sport: | |
| Parent signature | Date: | |
| Parent signature* * An electronic signature is as le | Date: gal and binding as original signature. | |