

# Bridgeville Athletic Association

P.O. Box 91  
Bridgeville, PA 15017



## Mission Statement:

To help the youth of the community become better individuals and better citizens through organized athletics. To embody the discipline of teamwork, the ideals of good sportsmanship, and respect for authority in an atmosphere of safe, wholesome community participation.

## 2018 BAA Officers:

**Tim Efthimiades,**  
President  
**Dave Potanko,**  
Vice President  
**Jim Lindow,**  
Treasurer  
**Michele Rutkowski,**  
Secretary

## 2018 BAA Directors:

**Mike Mincin**  
**Chris Miller**  
**Wendi Duffill**  
**Griff Severin**  
**Mike Lonergan**  
**Vanessa McKelvey**  
- Vacancy -

## BAA CODE OF CONDUCT

### Coach:

- Coaches will always consider the safety of the players before and during any activity.
- Coaches will have and exhibit a desire to teach all players - not only their child.
- *Coaches will set the example for players, peers, and spectators in their attitude and their actions. This includes use of language that is appropriate around young children and parents.*
- Coaches will promote respect for Umpires, Parents, Peers, and opposing Coaches. Disagreements will be handled away from the players and Coaches will not openly dispute or argue any decision by an official.
- Coaches will strive to provide positive feedback to players along with authentic praise in order to encourage greater levels of sportsmanship, effort, desire, and knowledge.
- Coaches will use appropriate levels of intensity for children. Excessive yelling will not be permitted - especially at their own child; Enthusiasm without intimidation.
- Coaches will be on-time for practices and games and will enforce/obey all BAA rules.
- Coaches will conduct a pre-season meeting with players and parents/guardians to discuss season expectations and to establish a coaching philosophy.
- Coaches will keep personal issues off the field. If an off-field issue is affecting a Coach's demeanor, he/she will take a day off.
- Coaches will encourage players and peers to have FUN while playing, learning, and teaching.
- Guidelines regarding abusive or questionable behavior follow, but may be adjusted by the BAA Board as required:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Coach receives a written warning by the BAA Board.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Coach is suspended for three games or the next playoff game if occurring at the end of the season with less than three games to play.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Coach is relieved of duties and reinstatement for the following season must be reviewed by the BAA board.
- BAA Board reserves the right to deny Coaching access to any BAA team during the remainder of the season or in future seasons for multiple offenses.

### Player:

- Players will be on time for practices and games and will be prepared with the proper equipment/uniform.
- Players will encourage their teammates instead of becoming angry or teasing them when they struggle.
- Players will set the example for others to follow in their words and their actions both on and off the field. Players will be respectful to players, coaches, parents, spectators, and officials by using proper manners and decent language.
- Players will wait a minimum of 24 hours after a game or practice to approach a coach if they don't like a coaching decision and will invite their parents to join the discussion if they are uncomfortable discussing the issue alone.
- Players will treat opponents the way they would like to be treated – Players will not bait, ridicule, threaten, taunt, or engage in physical violence.
- Players will refrain from openly disputing or arguing an officials' decision and will not display any sign of dissatisfaction with an officials' decision. Only the Head Coach may discuss a call with the officials.
- Guidelines regarding abusive or questionable behavior follow, but may be adjusted by the BAA Board as required:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Player receives a written warning by the BAA Board.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Player is suspended for three games or the next playoff game if occurring at the end of the season with less than three games to play.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Player is removed from the team and participation in any other BAA programs in the same calendar year must be reviewed by the BAA Board.
- *The Head Coach reserves the right to suspend a player immediately and for future games for vulgar language or abusive behavior toward other players, coaches, umpires, or spectators.*
- BAA Board reserves the right to deny player access to any BAA team during the remainder of the season or in future seasons for multiple offenses.

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## BAA CODE OF CONDUCT CONT'D

### Spectator / Parent:

- Parents will contact the Head Coach if their child cannot attend a practice or a game.
- Parents will help their player to be on time for games and practices – which includes spending time to teach him/her how to organize equipment the night before and prepare a water bottle before practices and games.
- Parents will be drug and alcohol free during any BAA practice or game.
- Parents will encourage players to resolve to improve their skills and to play stronger, faster, and smarter rather than criticizing coaches, teammates, or officials after a game.
- Parents will spend time with their player between practices and games to reinforce instruction or to review information taught by the coaches.
- Parents will not embarrass their player by yelling at the player, the player's teammates, coaches, or officials. Parents will set the example for their player and other parents to follow by maintaining a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants.
- Parents will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat for both teams and will commend their player's positive actions during practices and games. Parents will never yell or physically abuse their player after a game or practice because it is destructive. More than anything, your player wants to make you proud.
- Parents will refrain from displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior and interfering with other spectators or the game. Games will be stopped and the officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing the offending individual from the viewing area. If the spectator has not left the viewing area under a reasonable amount of time, the game will be called (at the officials' discretion) and the team associated with the offender will forfeit.
- *Parents will wait a minimum of 24 hours after games or practices to discuss any coaching decision regarding their player and will present the matter to the Head Coach in a manner that is conducive to problem solving.*
- Inappropriate or disruptive behavior shall include, but not be limited to, vulgar or obscene language at any time, taunting, baiting, ridiculing, threatening, or physical violence towards any player, spectator, coach, or official.
- Guidelines regarding abusive or questionable behavior follow, but may be adjusted by the BAA Board as required:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Parent receives a written warning by the BAA Board.
  - 2nd Offense - Parent is not permitted to attend three games or the next playoff game if occurring at the end of the season with less than three games to play.
  - 3rd Offense – Parent/Player is removed from the team and participation in any other BAA programs in the same calendar year must be reviewed by the BAA Board.
- BAA Board reserves the right to deny Offender and Offender's player(s) access to any BAA team during the remainder of the season or in future seasons for multiple offenses.

### Complaint Handling Process:

- Parents/Players will wait a minimum of 24 hours after games or practices to discuss any coaching decisions with Coaches or the BAA Board and will present the matter in a manner that is conducive to problem solving.
- The Head Coach will address the issue with Player/Parent(s) on a one-to-one basis.
- Issues that cannot be resolved by the Head Coach on a one-to-one basis will be directed to the Discipline Committee of the BAA Board for arbitration by discussions with all individuals involved.
- Issues that remain unresolved after arbitration by the Discipline Committee will be presented to the complete BAA Board of Directors for resolution among all parties involved.
- *Complaints/Disputes provided to the BAA Board of Directors must be presented in writing and signed by all parties involved or they will not be addressed.*

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## BAA CODE OF CONDUCT CONT'D (SIGNATURE PAGE)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all conditions stated in the above "BAA Code of Conduct". I will review the "BAA Code of Conduct" with my Player(s) and any spectators who attend games and/or practices on behalf of my Player(s). I, my Player(s), and any spectators who attend games and/or practices on behalf of my Player(s) will adhere to the "BAA Code of Conduct" and will accept any and all disciplinary decisions/actions determined to be appropriate for me and/or my Player(s) by Coaches and/or the BAA Board.

**\*Please note that Players will not be permitted to participate until this document is signed and submitted to the BAA Board.**

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