

# *Alaska*YESS PHILOSOPHY & VALUES AGREEMENT

Today's youth are the caretakers of the future. They represent their team, community, state, and the national program, USAYESS. We at AlaskaYESS will ensure our student athletes will have opportunities to practice and compete on a level playing field, with a goal to encourage the athletic transformation and the educational potential of every athlete. We are committed that these athletic opportunities involve new skills, developing individual goals, and fostering an appreciation of collaboration and teamwork in the competitive arena of athletics.

AlaskaYESS believes strong academics are a priority for the future success of our members, therefore they are students first and athletes second. We hope that athletic competition fosters respect for others, sportsmanship, teamwork, perseverance, and leadership; however, we recognize that an excessive emphasis on winning can corrupt true learning and values. We believe that both victory and defeat teach valuable life lessons.

The priority of our program is to develop educated young men and women of character who are transformed by their experience in athletic competition and then transfer lessons they learned on the athletic fields to lives of service to others and country.

Our motto at AlaskaYESS is "Team First!" It is our hope that athletes will learn invaluable life lessons gained from working within the team for the good of their fellow athletes and the team as a whole. The team, in turn, will work to support and train the individual athlete in the technical and mental aspects of the clay target sports, while encouraging camaraderie, responsibility, leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship. Team vests will be required, especially for the high school teams, during practices, team activities and AlaskaYESS competitions. We believe in 1) Promoting the Positive and 2) Practicing Gratitude. We discourage negativity, gossip and drama and encourage showing gratitude in a practical way.

## **The Code for Living Contract ~ Life Principles Learned Through Sports**

Because I am a role model and have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to this Code. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to it.

As an individual:

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of another either as a coach, athlete, or fan.

As a member of a team:

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the rules established by USAYESS, AlaskaYESS, and my team.

As a member of society:

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will respect coaching staff, administrators, facility grounds and buildings, and the personal property of others.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.

AlaskaYESS teaches and expects good sportsmanship from their athletes and their families while participating in this program. We believe excellent sportsmanship develops strong ethical behavior and integrity. We believe that when every athlete and every adult present abide by the rules and policies these activities are safer, there is a level playing field based on Sportsmanship and Fair Play, and everyone has a more positive experience. As part of this effort, parents/guardians and their athletes should review this document, and all the documents included in this registration packet, and with their signatures they signify agreement to comply with the policies of AlaskaYESS and the provisions of this Agreement.

**Parents:** I have read the attached policies, protocol, and procedures and will review these standards with my child. I will encourage my child, their fellow teammates, and all other members of AlaskaYESS to have the best experience possible in this program. I will behave as a positive role model, respect the goals of the team and the program, and reinforce the character values of good sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline, and ethical practices. I agree to stay off the shooting field. Any problems or criticisms will be presented in a positive way to coaching staff, program leadership, and facility staff. I will refrain from negative comments to or about other shooters, coaches, leadership, or staff. I understand that my behavior and conversation reflect on the team and the program, and that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part may result in me being asked to leave the area. I understand that negative and divisive behavior on my part could also result in my child being disqualified or even removed from AlaskaYESS.

By signing this form, I affirm that I have read and understand the behavioral standards for parents as stated above and the behavioral standards for my child as stated below, and that I agree to abide by the policies of AlaskaYESS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND THE *Alaska*YESS PHILOSOPHY & VALUES AND THE CODE OF LIVING CONTRACT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete:** I understand membership in AlaskaYESS and my team is a privilege, and that continued membership is based on my attitude, behavior, teamwork, sportsmanship, and participation. I agree to behave with excellent sportsmanship, to make ethical choices, to act responsibly and follow all safety rules while participating in this program. I will encourage and support my teammates and all other competitors, have a coachable mindset, show respect to my coaches, and represent the team in a positive manner both at practices and in competitions. I will participate in all team and program activities with an excellent attitude, follow the rules to the best of my understanding, practice good sportsmanship, and always comport myself as a lady or gentleman. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part may result in my disqualification and even expulsion from AlaskaYESS. I will not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those who do.

By signing this form, I affirm that I am academically eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities as set forth by the school district, that I have read and understand the behavioral standards for athletes as stated above, and that I agree to abide by the policies and expectations of my team and AlaskaYESS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND THE *Alaska*YESS PHILOSOPHY & VALUES AND THE CODE OF LIVING CONTRACT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM:

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_