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RAF Mildenhall Mad Dawgs P.A.W.S Program

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Positivity, Accountability, Winning Attitude, Sportsmanship

Our goal is to provide a fun season that builds our core values within our Mad Dawg players!! This involves teaching appropriate interactions between coaches, volunteers, players and families.

Sportsmanship is a key tenant of our program values, and with that in mind we push forward to provide youth sports that support that mission by being examples of good sportsmanship ourselves as fans and family members.

Our potentially negative actions can have a huge impact on the experience our youth have in sports. Do you want them to remember the fun and joy of teamwork, sports and friends, or do you want them to think of the time you got upset and yelled at an umpire?

Negative outbursts can upset your own children, as well as other youth athletes, and can create an atmosphere that not only goes against our core philosophy, but can make youth not want to participate in future sports seasons.

We are creating a program atmosphere that helps us all build and shape our youth in positive ways, because we are all part of the Dawg Pound Family!

P.A.W.S. TEAM

We are all part of the P.A.W.S. Team by making ourselves accountable for our actions during sporting events, but also helping those around us to remember to keep our values and philosophy in mind while being fans. Within our P.A.W.S team our main point of contacts are; our team parents/volunteers, our team coaches, and our youth sports staff.

All of our P.A.W.S. Team members will guide those around them to;

- 1) Stay Positive, and think about what I say or what my actions could do to others
- 2) Stay Accountable to the parent code of conduct and program philosophy
- 3) Lead with your Winning Attitude despite any call or outcome in a game.
- 4) Support your team through your own Sportsmanship

P.A.W.S. Rules

Families

As a Dawg Pound Family member we are instructed to

- 1) Cheer and support our teams and Mad Dawgs Players!
- 2) Refrain from negative, reactionary or judgmental comments or actions towards any other person at the game adult or child.
- 3) Fulfill the parent code of conduct by being an example of resiliency, and sportsmanship
- 4) Asking a P.A.W.S Team member **AFTER** the game regarding any concerns or questions.

P.A.W.S. Team (Team Parent/Volunteer> Coach>Youth Sports Staff)

- 1) Demonstrate positive verbal and physical reactions, responses and supportive atmosphere in all youth sports.
- 2) receive comments and concerns regarding game rules, plays and any other issue.
- 3) Works with youth sports staff to resolve issues within teams and create a winning atmosphere that avoids building toxic culture in our youth sport program.

When to contact your P.A.W.S. Team Member?

Team Parent/Volunteer

Questions about communication for team and parents, practice times, snack schedules or end of season parties, or other questions regarding the season.

Coach

questions about practice times, rules and regulations, play/practice philosophy or approach, game play or other issues regarding practice and the game.

Sports Directors

The sports team has an open door policy regarding questions and concerns, but we would like to utilize our volunteers and team members to help answer your questions during practice and game times, unless an issue is necessitated to be moved higher. We are hear to answer your questions about season info, program philosophy, and anything pertaining to youth sports.

P.A.W. (Parent Accountability Warning)

We are all passionate about our sports, and supportive of our youths sports experience. Sometimes this passion can turn into improper comments, yelling or interactions/altercations with parents, volunteers and/or Staff.

We are all here to provide a positive experience for youth and families, and families can play a big role in this!

When a family member does something that goes against our parent code of conduct or program philosophy they will be given their first warning or P.A.W. (Parent Accountability Warning). **TWO WARNINGS for minor verbal altercations with, and a zero tolerance policy for cursing, screaming or physical confrontations.** The family member will be asked to leave the field, court, area of play after the second warning in these instances regardless if the ejection causes the youth player to leave as well. A second removal will result in a parent or family member being not allowed to attend for the rest of the season.

We will teach our youth by setting a standard that upholds our program philosophy of building resiliency, sportsmanship, teamwork, sportsmanship, and ultimately having fun!!

Let's continue to be a great program, and FAMILY together!!!

GO DAWGS!