

ACTIVITY AND BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES **OF THE ARLINGTON ASSOCIATION OF HOME EDUCATORS**

Please retain this copy for your records and further reference

According to Article II, Section B., of the Bylaws of the Arlington Association of Home Educators:

1. Members will agree to abide by these Bylaws and any behavior guidelines adopted by the Board/Association.
2. Members are expected not to engage in behavior that might disrepute upon the group or could jeopardize the welfare of our children. Such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Board.

In order to clarify the expectations of appropriate behavior, the following guidelines have been adopted:

I. ACTIVITY ATTENDANCE

- A. The majority of A.A.H.E. sponsored activities are open to A.A.H.E. members only. Specific activities which are open to visitors interested in home schooling or A.A.H.E. include the Open House, a single Group Meeting, Used Book Sale, or observation of performances or games.
- B. If members would like to bring a guest to an A.A.H.E. activity not listed above, they must get guidelines before being allowed to attend the activity.
- C. If members have school-age children who are not home schooled, the children may observe but not participate in A.A.H.E. activities. Non-home schooled children should not be removed from school to attend A.A.H.E. activities.
- D. For the safety and protection of the children, A.A.H.E. activities are not “drop-off” activities. Parents are expected to supervise their children at each activity, unless previous arrangements have been made with another parent to be responsible for them.
- E. Children must be picked up promptly following any activity where the child has been left under another adult’s supervision (i.e. BookIt!, Spelling Bee, Youth Activities, Workshops, Sports Games, Christmas Musical Practices).

II. ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

A. GENERAL / SPORTS:

1. RSVPs are required for most planned events, all field trips, and youth activities. For Sports, the appropriate application must be completed and signed. Deadlines for RSVPs and Sports Application will be observed.
2. If payment or deposit is required, it must be paid in full before the reservation or application is considered complete.
3. If circumstances prevent attending the event, refunds are not guaranteed, but will be made if possible. There will be no refunds for sports or membership. There will be no refunds for activities dropped after activities have begun.
4. If unable to attend, members should notify the responsible coordinator. Failing to cancel RSVPs for field trips may result in revoking privileges to attend field trips for the remainder of the year. If a player must miss a game, parents should notify their coach prior to the game.
5. Participants should arrive at the location of the event 15 minutes before the scheduled time. This is important in order for games to begin on time and for field trips that require entrance as a group.

III. BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

A. GENERAL:

1. In all A.A.H.E. events, all attendees are expected to demonstrate cooperation, courtesy, and respect for hosts, instructors, officials, adults, any other participants and each other.
2. Inappropriate subject matter, gestures, and/or language (i.e. abusive, crude, or obscene language) will not be tolerated.
3. Verbal or physical attacks will not be tolerated.
4. Should and disputes arise, issues should be resolved in an appropriate time, place, and manner.

B. SPORTS:

1. Players are expected to have a team attitude by encouraging the other players both on their team and the opponent's team. Players will not make fun of or harass any other player on or off the field.

C. YOUTH:

1. Youth will not engage in any public display of affection (i.e. pairing off, romantic type behavior, etc.)

IV. DRESS GUIDELINES

A. GENERAL:

1. Members should dress appropriately, neatly and modestly, according to weather conditions and type of event.

B. SPORTS:

1. Players are to come prepared to play in assigned shirts, appropriate shoes with laces (no sandals or boots). Shorts should be mid-thigh length (bike shorts may be worn underneath).
2. Players must remove all jewelry during their game.
3. Shin-guards are strongly recommended for soccer.
4. Hats are strongly recommended for baseball/softball/T-ball.

C. YOUTH:

1. Midriiffs, short shorts, short dresses or skirts, undergarment exposure, clothing with inappropriate writing or graphics on them, tank tops or low-cut shirts or see-through shirts are not allowed.

V. CONSEQUENCES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

A. GENERAL:

1. Failure to comply with guidelines may result in the family being asked to leave the activity or field trip.
2. Any excessive or vicious attack, verbal or physical, will result in immediate ejection from the current activity.
3. Repeated or serious infractions of these guidelines may result in additional consequences as determines by the Board. Consequences may include restricting or revoking membership privileges.

B. SPORTS:

1. If a player breaks any guideline, the player will be told to sit out the remainder of the game and parents will be called.
2. A second incident will result in dismissal from the current game, the following week's game, and parents will be called.
3. A third incident will result in dismissal for the remainder of the season.
4. Any excessive or vicious attack, verbal or physical, will result in immediate ejection for the remainder of the season and/or the next season.

C. YOUTH:

Non compliance with guidelines may be cause for immediate removal from the activity, probation, or loss of membership in the Youth Activities Group on either a temporary or a permanent basis as may be appropriate for the behavior. The decision of the Youth Sponsor is immediately enforceable.