



# PARENT GUIDE

Armor Sports is a youth sports experience focused on developing character and integrity on and off the field. We want to partner with parents to further develop character traits in our athletes by using Christ-based values. While Armor Sports is a ministry of NewPointe, we invite anyone in the community to participate in our sports programs.



## 3 PILLARS OF ARMOR SPORTS

Character ★ Competition ★ Community

## MORE THAN A GAME (MTAG)

At Armor Sports, we utilize a More Than A Game (MTAG) philosophy that emphasizes life-skill development, so that each child can win on and off the field. At every practice coaches will huddle players, spending a few minutes to discuss the player card and verse for the week. Coaches will also take prayer requests and lead the team in prayer.

Our MTAG huddles focus on our 3 Pillars of Armor Sports:

**CHARACTER** - We instill Christ-based values in our youth.

**COMPETITION** - We play honorably and with maximum effort.

**COMMUNITY** - We build authentic relationships.

## IDEAL ARMOR SPORTS COACH

- Redefines “winner” as someone who gives maximum effort, continues to learn and improve, and doesn’t let mistakes (or fear of mistakes) stop them.
- Encourages players by being a positive motivator, giving honest feedback, establishing order, and respecting athletes regardless of how they perform.
- Honors the game by respecting its rules, opponents, officials, and players.

## POSTGAME GRATITUDE

At the end of every game we want both teams to show appreciation and good sportsmanship to the following groups:

**Opponent:** “Good game” high-five line.

**Referee:** “Thank you” high five.

**God:** Prayer circle in conjunction with opponent. Before praying together, two or three players from each team will share something the other team did well.

**Spectators:** Clapping or yelling “thank you” in unison. Spectators can also show their appreciation and support for the players by forming a tunnel.

## POLICIES

Failure to comply could result in suspension or removal without refund.

- **24-HR RULE/MATTHEW 18:15:** If you have an issue or concern that is not an immediate safety issue, please wait 24 hours before respectfully confronting the person you have an issue with. Use that time to cool off, and do not try to go over someone's head or talk behind their back. Talk TO people, not ABOUT people.
- **PLAYING TIME/SCHEDULES**
  - Coaches provide equal playing time for all players.
  - All practice/game schedules will be posted on TeamSnap, once rosters are formed.
  - Playing time can be reduced for disciplinary issues, but this should be communicated ahead of time.
  - Any sport/position exceptions are in the sports rules.
- **PRACTICE MAX:** Teams are not allowed more than the allotted practice time (1x60 min).
- **UNIFORMS:** Players and coaches must wear the practice and game uniforms as they are provided, with no modifications. Examples include not adding names, sponsors, patches, stickers, and not veering from the team's socks (if provided).
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Players cannot play in a younger grade division. Players may play "up" in older divisions once approved in writing by an Armor Sports staff member. Armor Sports reserves the right to ask for proof of current grade or age of any participant. Participants may only play for the division that corresponds with their birth gender. Failure to adhere to any of these policies can result in loss of spot and no refund.
- **SIDELINE BEHAVIOR:** Arguing with referees, speaking about other players, and using foul or aggressive language is a violation of the Armor Sports standards of behavior and will NOT be tolerated.

## ROLES

There are four roles in youth sports. Please pick **ONE**.



Player



Coach



Referee



Spectator/Supporter

## FACILITY RULES

Please help keep our families safe and secure. The Armor Sports Complex is a private facility located at NewPointe Community Church and is secured and maintained for Armor Sports planned activities.



We are not responsible for lost or missing items.



All pets must be on a leash and cleaned up after.



No motorized scooters or motorbikes.



Tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs are prohibited.

Any weather-related communication or changes in practice/game schedules will be communicated by your assigned coaching staff.

Any general questions, visit [armorsports.org](https://armorsports.org).



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