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Today's parents have an important role in the delivery and support of sporting activities for their own and other children. With it comes a clear responsibility to act in a constructive and encouraging manner at all times. Remember, that at Saber Academy, your child is participating in an activity where discipline and respect are paramount.

Your child's instructor is responsible for the welfare of all students in his/her class and may therefore be required to deal with issues that have the potential to jeopardize the safety or learning of other students. If you should at any time have concerns about your child or their instructor, please make an appointment, or arrange a time to discuss your concerns with your child's senior instructor.

Barracking and wanting your child to perform well is human nature, however, we discourage this when in and during class. We do have some activities where the instructor will encourage barracking and cheering of the student but it is critical that this should be done in a responsible manner, avoiding inappropriate, anti-social and discriminatory behavior at all times. The same applies to gossip, harassment and bullying among parents.

We recommend that parents enforce in their child and encourage a positive attitude before and after class with their training. We also appreciate, if required, that parents participate in their child's training, e.g., helping the instructor with partner drills when there are odd numbers, holding practice equipment etc. Even joining in the class as a student helps enforce a positive attitude towards your child's training journey and even benefit you.

As a parent at Saber Academy, I will:

1. Remember that children train in martial arts and sport for their enjoyment, not mine.
2. Encourage children to participate - not force participation upon them.
3. Focus on my child's efforts and self-esteem, rather than whether they win or lose, grade or not.
4. Encourage my child at all times in a positive manner.
5. Focus on my child's achievements, rather than what they fail to achieve in their first attempt. This includes their ability to achieve skill advancement and rank progression.
6. Encourage my child to always participate according to the rules (regardless of what others appear to be doing).
7. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or for losing a competition.
8. Remember that children learn best by example - applaud the efforts of all.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Show appreciation of instructors, officials, volunteers and administrators, without whom my child could not participate.
11. Respect officials' decisions and teach my child to do likewise.
12. Remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is unacceptable at youth training and events.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
14. Encourage and nurture my child's own talents and not compare them to others.
15. Encourage my child to settle disagreements without resorting to aggression, hostility or violence.
16. Keep children in my care under my control.
17. Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.
18. Understand that Saber Academy is a structured training environment with established protocols. If I have concerns regarding the class, the instructors or the participants, I will raise them in an appropriate manner with the proper authorities. Gossiping, tantrums and generally being abusive is not appropriate behavior for an adult.
19. Support my child's participation in optional competitions and league events while understanding these are matched for skill, age, and rank when possible.
20. Respect the training environment during both in-person and online sessions by minimizing distractions and following facility guidelines.

I agree to abide by this code of conduct

Name:..... Signature:.....

Date:.....