

# **Acceptable Athlete/Parent Behavior and Etiquette**

- Accept all decisions of referees
- Wear your uniforms or team gear (if applicable)
- Shake hands at the beginning and end of tournament or rounds with participants and coaches regardless of the outcome.
- Be quiet, no loud talking, laughing or horsing around on the course or fields.
- Encourage only sportsmanlike conduct which includes class, dignity and respect
- Remain respectful while other athletes are competing
- Never touch another athletes equipment- Safety on/off
- Remain behind the line during shoot-offs
- Squad stays together at sporting clays station until finished
- Do not throw hulls, be professional
- Park golf carts just beyond station for upcoming squad
- Cell Phones off while on the course
- No barrels/muzzles on toes
- Once shotgun is loaded, do not reach down for a dropped shell. Leave it there until next rotation, then you can pick it up.
- Initial skeet/trap score card and leave with Referee. Thank Referee
- Behavior should look the same whether you miss a target or hit the target- good sportsmanship
- Blaming loss of game on official, coaches, or participants
- Parents and/or Coaches are not allowed on the field or beyond sidewalk (depending on discipline and facility) Be a leader and call for match director if help is needed. This is a serious offense and parents can be fined and it will cost the team Endowment Money! Parents and Coaches need to follow this rule for safety and many other reasons.
- No coaching during tournaments. Think of this as the pitching mound- this is the time for the athletes to perform. Coaching needs to be done at practice. The athletes will be able to practice what they learn at the competitions.
- Follow all of the range rules at the hosting facility, these may differ at different facilities so make sure you know the rules.