

CYO ATHLETICS

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

(NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY FOUNDATION)

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER-BUILDING AND ETHICS IN SPORTS ARE EMBODIED IN THE CONCEPTS OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND SIX CORE PRINCIPALS:

TRUSTWORTHINESS
RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY
FAIRNESS

CARING
GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

I THEREFORE AGREE:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, official, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility and violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority before, during and after games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials and/or coaches at the game field or gym. If I have a concern, I will take time to speak with my child's coach at an agreed upon time and place. I will contact my child's athletic director regarding my concerns.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I ALSO AGREE THAT IF I FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES AND GUIDELINES, I WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION THAT COULD INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Verbal Warning by official, head coach, gym director, board member and/or CYO Director of Athletics
- ❖ Written Warning
- ❖ Parental game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file in the CYO Office
- ❖ Game forfeiture through the official, sport chairperson and/or Director of Athletics
- ❖ Parental season suspension

I UNDERSTAND IF I AM REMOVED FROM A GAME FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT I WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS. REFUSAL TO LEAVE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.