

## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Children have more need for example than for criticism. Remember, your child is involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, NOT YOURS.
- 2) Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competition, not increase it.
- 3) Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.
- 4) Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team. Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship. Accept the results of each game.
- 5) Encourage your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 6) No parent or fan will be allowed to coach a child or the team from the stands. Failure to abide by this rule will result in removal from the field or facility.
- 7) I will be responsible for my behavior as well as for the behavior of those who attend the game/practices as my guest.
- 8) I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics Pledge.
- 9) I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and official at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
- 10) I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win
- 11) I will be in control of my emotions.
- 12) I will remain in the spectator area during games/practices.
- 13) I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- 14) I will support coaches and official working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- 15) I will **not** advise the coach on how to do their job.
- 16) I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will not smoke or drink alcohol at a game/practice or come to one having drunk too much.
- 17) I will remember that the game is for our youth – NOT ADULTS – and that participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right.
- 18) I will show respect for all participants at all times.
- 19) I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child. I will not instruct him to harm any other participants.
- 20) I will not coach my child during the game/practice.
- 21) I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- 22) I will not make insulting comments to players, parents, officials, or coaches of either team.
- 23) I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- 24) I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches Code of Ethics.
- 25) I will thank coaches, officials, and other volunteers who have conducted the event.
- 26) Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex