

York County Youth Football Association Code of Conduct

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for Coaches and Volunteers to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. **I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while Coaching and attending a youth sports event and shall adapt my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
2. I will be a positive role model for my athletes and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, and sporting event.
3. I will not engage in the use of social media, to include but not limited to YouTube, Snap Chat, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram (list is not all inclusive) to defame, insult, harass, or air grievances.
4. I will teach my athletes that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that all my athlete's will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
5. I will not attend or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will treat everyone with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my athletes or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
9. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
10. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches/parents at an agreed upon time and place.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending or coaching, in a youth sports event; I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Fines to be issued by an organization and/or league.
2. Verbal warning issued by an organization and/or league.
3. Written warning issued by an organization and/or league.
4. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by an organization and/or league.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by an organization and/or league.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____