

**ZERO TOLERANCE & CODE OF CONDUCT**

Parents and Players should have a standard Code of Conduct, no matter which sport they play. How parents treat kids and officials and how kids play sports is what we strive to improve upon. We developed these Codes of Conduct with the help of USA Hockey and Little League baseball. Imagine how enjoyable youth sports will be if parents and kids follow these Codes of Conduct.

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**Parents' Code of Conduct**

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Remember, kids are involved in sports to have fun.
- Teach your child to play by the rules at all times. Remember, kids learn by example, so be a strong role model for them. Always applaud the good play of both teams.
- Never embarrass your child by yelling at them, their coaches, other players or the officials. Yell positive encouragement to your child and all the other players on both teams.
- Emphasize practice makes perfect, skill development and having fun are more important than winning.
- Be knowledgeable of the rules of your sport and support the officials at all times. Understand that officials are only human and they're going to make mistakes, just like you make mistakes in your life. Teach your child the game they are playing is much with the official than without.
- Applaud and encourage good effort in victory and defeat. Emphasize the positive things your child did in a game and never tell your child their team lost the game because them or any other player.
- Understand the value of volunteer coaches and how important they are in the development of your child and the sport they are playing.
- Last but not least, have fun and your child will have fun. Help out and volunteer!

**Player's Code of Conduct**

- Work hard to improve your skills and have fun doing it. Be a team player by getting along with your teammates. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for games and practices.
- Learn the rules of your sport and play by them. Obey the rules of your team and always be a good sport.
- Respect your coaches, teammates, opposing teammates, your parents and officials at all times. Never argue with an official.
- Fall in love with the sport you are playing.

If the above Codes of Conduct are abused:

1<sup>st</sup> offense: the offending player/parent will be suspended.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: the offending player/parent will warrant banishment from the organization and will be enforced by the Youngsville Athletic Association Board of Directors.

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Parent 1

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Parent 2

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Player