

TMYSB PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Sports can provide your child with the opportunity to learn perseverance, teamwork, fair play, self-confidence, and determination. Competition is healthy and instructive. However, a win-at-all-cost attitude is harmful to children. The focus of sports should be on effort, improvement in skills, and the development of courage to be able to make mistakes and recover from them. The winning team is not necessarily the one with more points. The Township of Mahwah Youth Sports Boosters is requiring parents to sign the *TMYSB PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT ("PCC")*. Parents and/or guardians must sign and return this form prior to the first practice/game of the season. The intent of the PCC is simple: to ensure a healthy playing environment for our kids.

All parents, guardians, and/or spectators involved with the TMYSB **pledge** :

- (1) I will demonstrate the utmost in sportsmanship and integrity, realizing I am a role model for our children; and
- (2) I will respect the authority of the official and his/her assistants, either on field or in field's general area, at all times;
- (3) I will respect the authority of the TMYSB, Commissioner, League Director, Coach and his/her assistants, and recognize the value of volunteer coaches.
- (4) I will respect *all players*, and provide positive support and encouragement.
- (5) I will respect the opposing team and spectators, applaud good play for both teams and promote fair play.
- (6) I will not enter the field of play (including practices).
- (7) I will not abuse, harass or berate referees or coaches during or after the match; and I will not use offensive, insulting, foul and/or abusive language or gestures, either on the field of play or in field's general area, towards any person, for any reason.
- (8) I will not boo, taunt or use any other verbal attack at games or practices.
- (9) I will not encourage or teach dangerous play or unsportsman-like conduct or engage in or provoke any form of physical violence.
- (10) I will refrain from using any alcohol or illegal drugs prior to or during a TMYSB practice or game, on or near a field or in the parking lot at or near an athletic field/facility.
- (11) I will observe the 24 Hour (cooling off period) before speaking with Coaches, League Director, Commissioner, TMYSB regarding any in game decisions.
- (12) I understand the TMYSB has a process in place to resolve any player/parent/coach conflict and will abide by the decisions made by the TMYSB after the process has been acted on.

Any player, coach, or parent found to be in violation of the TMYSB Parental Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the Commissioner of the Sport or by the Executive Board of the TMYSB, in addition to independent sanctions that may be imposed by the league of play. Disciplinary actions may range from suspensions from game play, attendance at games and practices, to dismissal from the TMYSB program. I recognize that I am responsible for all the actions of my family members and guests. I have read and agree to the TMYSB Parental Code of Conduct.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN: Please print your name _____
Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature
Telephone/email _____
Please print your child's name/sport _____

