

# 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 parents, coaches, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self control.**

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and will conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will learn and abide by the rules and policies of the league
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child by encouraging 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.
4. I (and my guests) 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.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. 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.
9. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront a coach or official at the game or on the field.
10. 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.
11. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches.

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 not be limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through official or coach
- Parental season suspension

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Name

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Date