

PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.** I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
- I will place the physical and emotional well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds to Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will remember that the game is for youth—not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never yell at or ridicule my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that we are guests in the schools and that it is my responsibility to supervise non-playing children and to dispose of any trash that I bring into the gym.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

I hereby pledge to be positive about my involvement in Youth Sports by following the Players' Code of Ethics.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice, by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and I will notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports participation is an opportunity to learn and have fun.