

## CYO ATHLETICS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

*This Code of Conduct applies to all parents/guardians of athletes involved in our organization's youth sports activities*

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER-BUILDING AND ETHICS IN SPORTS ARE EMBODIED IN THE CONCEPT OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND SIX CORE ETHICAL VALUES:

**TRUSTWORTHINESS** – Be worthy of trust in all you do. Be loyal to your child's team and to the whole youth sports organization. Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship. Teach your children the importance of integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty.

**RESPECT** – Treat all people with respect at all times and require the same of your children. Treat game officials with respect. Don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after an athletic event. Teach your children to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model. Exercise self-control; avoid displays of anger and frustration. Don't retaliate.

**FAIRNESS** – Live up to high standards of fair play. Treat all competitors fairly. Be open-minded.

**CARING** – Offer positive reinforcement. Consistently demonstrate concern for athletes as individuals and encourage them to look out for one another and think and act as a team.

**CITIZENSHIP** – Honor the spirit of the rules. Teach your children to avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

I AGREE: **"THE GAME IS FOR THE KIDS"**

- I will respect the rules of the game and the policies of the CYO league.
- I will respect the officials and their authority before, during and after games and will never confront officials and/or coaches before, during or after the game. If I have a concern, I will take time to speak with my child's coach at an agreed upon time and place. If I have further concerns beyond my conversations with the coach, I will contact my child's Athletic Director.
- I understand only my child's Athletic Director may contact CYO. I may not at anytime contact CYO or any other school or program regarding my concerns. I must go through my Athletic Director.
- 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 (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I understand CYO events are free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.

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 IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Verbal warning by Official, Head Coach, Gym Director, or CYO Administration.
- Parental game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file in the CYO Athletic Office.
- Game forfeiture through the Official or CYO Administration.
- Parental season suspension.

I UNDERSTAND IF I AM REMOVED FROM A GAME FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, I WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FOR AT LEAST THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS. REFUSAL TO LEAVE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF MY CHILD'S GAME AND I WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 15 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF INFRACTION.

I UNDERSTAND THERE IS NO APPEAL.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD/CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN CYO ATHLETICS:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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PARISH/PROGRAM WHERE MY CHILD/CHILDREN PARTICIPATE:

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