



**YOUTH SPORTS**  
**PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

YMCA Youth Sports Philosophy:

YMCA Youth Sports are based on certain beliefs and philosophies: participation and everyone plays. The YMCA encourages having a healthy spirit, mind, and body, meaning the development of the whole person. The YMCA also emphasizes fundamentals, teamwork, fair play, cooperation, and respect for the officials one's self, one's teammates, and the other team. Our philosophy is simple: **EVERYONE PLAYS – EVERYONE WINS**. Every decision you make and every behavior you display is based first on what you think is best for your athletes, and second, on what can be accomplished to have everyone become a winner.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Youth Sports Program by following this Parent Code of Conduct:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, and officials.

I will do my best to make this program fun for my child.

I will keep winning in perspective. A child usually forgets the outcome of the game: it is the **adults** that have a tendency to stress the win/loss record.

I will ask my child to treat other participants, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless, of race, age, sex, creed, or ability.

I will treat officials and coaches with respect. They are there to provide your child with a safe and healthy learning environment. Officials and coaches deserve the same type of environment from the parents and spectators.

I will strive to be a good role model for my child and the other children in the program. I will encourage my child to learn to **lose with dignity** and **win with grace**.

I will respect my child's coach and do my best to have my child at all practices and games on time. I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. I realize they are important to the development of my child and the program. I will communicate with them and support their decisions.

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Child's Name

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Age