



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Parent’s Code of Conduct- Youth Sports

The YMCA believes that youth sports should offer competitive fun in a values-oriented, healthy and fair play environment. All parents of YMCA program participants are expected to follow this code of conduct and ensure that behavior is consistent with the YMCA mission and values at all times.

I WILL:

- Remember that youth sports are for the kids youth development and not for the adults and will do my best to make this experience fun for all of the children and parents involved by placing an emphasis on the fun of participation and putting the emotional/physical well-being of all the children ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by giving positive support to all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other event.
- Support coaches, officials and the YMCA mission and values by reflecting the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility and by working with my child to ensure he/she treats other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect without regard to gender, race, religion, culture, or ability.
- Familiarize myself and comply with the YMCA rules, policies and Child Abuse Prevention standards found online at smvymca.org
- Monitor the actions of our coach or coaches and will bring any behavior that is inconsistent with the following rules or concerning in any manner to the attention of someone in authority at YMCA or report the concern anonymously to the YMCA at 805-937-8521
- Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs at all youth sports practices, games, and other events and I will encourage others to do the same. We are a smoke free facility.

I WILL NOT:

- **Leave my child unsupervised**
- Put my child in a compromising position with a coach by disregarding YMCA child abuse prevention standards which are in place to protect adults and children. Allowing “special” practices, not picking children up from games/practices on time, etc. provide opportunities for privacy with a child and should not be allowed.
- Interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coaches or officials. If I have a question specific to my child, an incident or other issue, I will arrange a time that is mutually agreed upon by the coach/parent but never prior to, during or directly after a game.

YMCA Coaches/Staff/Officials WILL NOT:

- Subject any child to neglect or to mental, verbal, physical, or sexual abuse.
- Be alone with any child where they cannot be observed by others.
- Transport any children in their vehicle without the consent of parent. (Volunteers may if their own child is involved in a neighborhood carpool.)
- Attempt to contact or foster a relationship outside of the YMCA program with any child.
- Give any child gifts or special favors. (This doesn’t apply to end of the season party or giving a gift to the entire team.)
- Use profanity, inappropriate jokes, or share intimate personal life details.
- Hold extra or special practices that are not sanctioned by the YMCA

The above code of conduct has been established for the safety and wellbeing of each participant. Failure to adhere to this code of conduct could result in termination of program privileges at all branches. I also understand that I am also responsible for the actions of my guests before, during and after games they attend.

I have read the expectations for participation in this program and I will abide by and support the Parent’s Code of Conduct for Youth Sports.

Printed Name of Child

Team Name/ Coaches Name

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

