

## **Fair Play Code For Parents / Spectators**

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will encourage my / all children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my / all children that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game / event.
- I will make my /all children to feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at a / my child for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays / performances by both my child's team and the opponents.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will respect the official's decision and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting events.
- I will show respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

## Fair Play Code for Coaches

- I will be reasonable when scheduling extra games and practices, remembering that young players have other interest and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instructions and support.
- I will not ridicule or yell at the players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the player's ages and abilities.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will encourage all children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to co-coaches, parents and league officials.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will respect the official's decision and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting events.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

## Fair Play Code for Players

- I will participate because I want to, not because my parents want me to.
- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everyone.
- I will respect my opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays / performances – those of my team and my opponent.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or the spectators.