

Grayslake Community Park District

Youth Sports

Code of Ethics Policy

Player's Code of Ethics:

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experiences and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Player's Code of Ethics pledge:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- 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.
- I understand that failure to comply with the Code of Ethics policy may lead to disciplinary action being taken against me - such disciplinary action may include suspensions or expulsion from the program with no refund of program fees.

Coaches' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a Youth Sports Coach by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a Youth Sports Coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will treat each player, coach, official, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.
- I understand that failure to comply with the Code of Ethics policy may lead to disciplinary action being taken against me - such disciplinary action may include suspensions or expulsion from the program.

Parent's Code of Ethics:

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following the Parent's Code of Ethics.

- I 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 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 require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- 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.
- I will remember that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, or whatever I am capable of doing.
- I agree to be responsible for the behavior of the other members of my family and of any guests we may invite to a game.
- I understand that failure to comply with the Code of Ethics policy may lead to disciplinary action being taken against me, family members, guests and/or my child - such disciplinary action may include suspensions or expulsion from the program with no refund of program fees.

We have read, understand and accept the above Code of Ethics Policy and agree to maintain the highest level of ethics and sportsmanship towards players, officials, opponents, coaches and administrators.

Player: _____ Date: _____

Parents: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Program _____

Level _____

Coach _____

Coach: _____ Date: _____

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Board of Commissioners