

## York County Youth Football Association Code of Conduct

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents and guests to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending in a youth sports event and shall adapt my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
2. I and my guests will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice and sporting event.
3. 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 refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
4. I and my guests will not engage in the use of social media, to include but not limited to YouTube, Snap Chat, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (list is not all inclusive) as a means to defame, insult, harass, or air grievances.
5. I will not engage nor encourage my child to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
6. I will not attend or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not permit my child or encourage any other person to use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event.
8. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
9. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will not engage in nor encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
11. I will not initiate nor encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practice, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
14. I will be held responsible for any guest in attendance to ensure that they follow the above Code of Conduct.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending a youth sports event; I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Fines to be issued by an organization and/or league.
2. Verbal warning issued by an organization and/or league.
3. Written warning issued by an organization and/or league.
4. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by an organization and/or league.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by an organization and/or league.

Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Signature

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Date