



## ***Code of Conduct***

### **Fair Play Code for Athletes**

#### **I will**

- participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
- control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off", can spoil the activity for everybody.
- respect my opponents.
- will do my best to be a true team player.
- remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
- remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

### **Fair Play Code for Parents**

#### **I will**

- not force my child to participate in sports.
- remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing and trying hard.
- never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
- support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

### **Fair Play Code for Spectators**

#### **I will**

- remember that children participate in sports for their own enjoyment.
- not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- respect the officials' decision and encourage participants to do the same.
- never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and officials.
- show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no competition
- not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
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### **Fair Play Code for Officials**

#### **I will**

- make sure that every athlete has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the athletes.
- maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- not permit the intimidation of any athlete either by word or by action.
- not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward officials, other athletes, spectators or myself.
- be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual athlete.
- handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- be open to discussion and contact with the athletes before and after the game.
- open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.