

Ontario Youth Sports, Inc.

Code of Conduct

2007

FORWARD

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires-referees and spectators the ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC has established a “*Code of Conduct*”.

The *Code of Conduct* shall govern the actions of players, coaches, and spectators. The *Code* is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The *Code* was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as the Organization’s standard for behavioral evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of all program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of the *Code of Conduct*. Any Person violating the *Code* shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all OYS sponsored activities.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the Organization’s commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree as follows:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of the players.
- Coaches will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Coaches will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will not ridicule or demean.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well being of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedures as established or endorsed by OYS.
- Coaches will teach their particular sport to the best of their ability.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any OYS athletic event.

- Coaches will not use any tobacco products in the dugout, or respected playing field.
- All coaches are subject to a back ground check if warranted by the board of directors.
- Coaches acknowledge the need to demonstrate fundamental proficiencies with respect to their particular sport and first aid.
- Coaches will attend any meetings that the Board of Directors mandates for them.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

The Parents and Spectator shall support the players, coaches and umpire-referee and league officials. Parents and Spectators shall not “coach” or “officiate”. Parents and Spectators agree as follows:

- Parents and Spectators will be positive role models.
- Parents and Spectators will display and instill in all players, the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents and Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of the player.
- Parents and Spectators will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Parents will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Parents and Spectators will not ridicule or demean.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Parents and Spectators will treat all players, coaches and umpires-referees fairly and with respect.
- Parents and Spectators will not question an umpire’s call.
- Parents and Spectators will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Parents and Spectators will be drug and alcohol free while at any OYS athletic event or function.

PLAYERS

Players Shall...

- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff.
- Respect all, coach’s players, league officials, umpires-referees and spectators.
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.

Players Shall Not

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Question an umpire-referee call.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any OYS equipment or property. (e.g., throwing batting helmets or football helmets)