

Lyons Youth Baseball Softball Association

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Sport Parent Code of Conduct

The LYBSA has adopted the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation's Sport Parent Code of Conduct. All parents, guardians, family and guests of LYBSA players are required to abide by this code of conduct.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. 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 or other sporting event.
6. 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I (and my guests) will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I (and my guests) 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.
16. I (and my guests) will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I (and my guests) will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I understand that violation of this code may result in disciplinary action as described in the *LYBSA Policy & Procedure for Disciplinary Action* document, available upon request. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach and/or LYBSA official.
- Written reprimand placed on file with the LYBSA by an official, head coach and/or LYBSA official.
- Probation as determined by the LYBSA Board of Directors.
- Single or multiple game/practice suspension as determined by the LYBSA Board of Directors.
- Expulsion of player participant by the LYBSA Board of Directors.

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