

# Sportsmanship

## Checklist for Participants

- I abide by the rules of the game, competition, and event.
- I try to avoid arguments.
- I share in the responsibilities of the team.
- I always play and compete in a fair manner.
- I follow the directions of the coach(es).
- I respect the other teams' efforts.
- I offer encouragement to my teammates.
- I accept the judgment calls of the event's judges and officials.
- I end the event respectfully.

### **Sportsmanship is the ability to:**

- Win without gloating (don't rub it in).
- Lose without complaining (don't make excuses).
- Treat your opponent and the officials with respect.

### **Sportsmanship Tips:**

- If you make a mistake, don't pout or make excuses. Learn from it, and be ready to continue to compete, practice, and play.
- If a teammate makes a mistake, encourage - don't criticize.

# Parents' Code of Ethics

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**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' 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 event.**

**I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.**

**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 insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.**

**I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.**

**I will insist on a sports environment for my child that is conducive to healthy youth development ensuring healthy food and beverage choices are available and the environment is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I will refrain from drug, alcohol and tobacco use at all youth sports events.**

**I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.**

**I will do my very 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 help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, following team nutrition guidelines or providing transportation.**