

Code of Conduct Contract

As a parent, it is important that you:

RESPECT THE GAME. This means ensuring that your child comes prepared for all practices/games; treats teammates, opponents, and coaches with dignity and respect. It also means that parents and spectators show the same behavior. Good sportsmanship means playing fair and safe; controlling emotions; and keeping the spirit of competition a healthy and enjoyable endeavor.

RESPECT THE COACHES. While it may be easy to second-guess your child's coach from the sidelines, most parents overlook how challenging it is for coaches to both win games and at the same time make sure that all of the players have an opportunity to develop. Do not yell directional instructions to the players from the stands. Let the coaches coach, and be sure to support them as much as possible.

RESPECT THE REFEREES. Referees are humans and therefore will make mistakes. Some will be mistakes in judgment, others will be mistakes caused by a lack of rules knowledge and/or experience. In lieu of chastising the referees, thus giving your child(ren) an excuse for failure, teach them to learn to deal with adversity and play through a referee mistake. No referee has ever called a perfect game. Similarly, no player has ever played a perfect game.

RESPECT THE CROWD. No inappropriate or threatening language. There is never a place in youth sports to use vulgarities, threaten, intimidate, or use physical aggression. Cheer whenever possible, and stay away from booing and other negative fan behavior. Never address a player, coach or parent of the opposing team in a demeaning or critical manner.

RESPECT THE PLAYER. Watch for the safety of all players at all times, including physical and emotional dangers. Be sure to pay attention to injuries, including concussions, and respond to them in a timely manner. Additionally, pay attention to signs of youth sport burnout and be sure to respond to your child if he or she needs help.

As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____, I (we) agree to follow the above listed principles. Further, we understand that by signing this document, we are subject to the OCL's Disciplinary rules which include suspension from one or more games if I (we) am (are) dismissed from a contest due to my (our) failure to abide by the above principles.

PARENT 1 (PRINT): _____ / DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT 2 (PRINT): _____ / DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____