

FAIR PLAY CODES

FAIR PLAY: FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME.

COACHES

I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations

I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents

I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and playing time.

I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly

I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.

I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.

I will remember that children need a coach they can respect.

I will be generous with praise and set a good example

I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

ATHLETES

I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to

I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game

I will control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody

I will respect my opponents

I will do my best to be a true team player

I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important

I will acknowledge all good plays/performance - those of my team and of my opponents.

I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

PARENTS

I will not force my child to participate in sports

I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine

I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence

I will 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 the game/event

I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard

I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition

I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.

I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public

I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities

I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.