

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Players and parents will be required to address the growing problem of poor sportsmanship and out of control actions. It is LYSA's hope that by addressing these issues early and before problems arise we can make people more aware of their behavior. LYSA wants to, and needs to, **focus on respect** for all individuals involved with our sport; umpires, coaches, fans, volunteers, and especially, the girls. The "Complex Rules and Policies" will explain the consequences of disrespect of others and their property. This "Code of Conduct" is aimed at getting parents and players to think about their actions and words before they are committed. LYSA is working hard to build a complex that will be a source of pride, good sportsmanship is a part of that. Good sportsmanship enhances the way we are viewed by outsiders and ourselves.

**Each parent, player and coach is required to read this code of conduct, by checking the "agree to" box, you agree to abide by these rules.**

### **Parents:**

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

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

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their 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, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

I will supervise my other children and be responsible for any vandalism/damage caused by them.

I will refrain from creating the “dreaded” ride home by not criticizing my child, other children, coaches and officials.

**Coaches:**

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

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.

I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

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