

BYAA Parent/Guardian Pledge and 24-Hour Hothead Rule

Parent/Guardian Pledge

The BYAA considers it a privilege to have your child participate in its youth athletic program. We believe that athletic programs such as ours provide a unique opportunity to the youth of our community to learn the fundamentals of and participate in a fun sport they enjoy. BYAA's mission with its athletic programs seeks to promote health and fitness, teach the value of cooperation and teamwork, instill a sense of responsibility and respect for one's self and for others, and impress upon participants the importance of perseverance and a positive attitude. These character-building values form the basis of good citizens and respected leaders.

BYAA cannot accomplish this mission alone. The role of the child's parent/guardian is essential. Your active participation is encouraged and appreciated.

In an effort to keep you mindful of your role, and the responsibility you take upon yourself by registering your child to participate in a BYAA athletic program, please read and sign the *Parent/Guardian's Pledge*. To help ensure that everyone - child, parent, guardian, coaches, officials and spectators alike – are able to enjoy the program safely and comfortably, please read and sign the *Parent/Guardian's Code of Conduct*.

24-Hour Hothead Rule

Any parent, family member or spectator watching a BYAA sporting event understands that if they have a disagreement – question – criticism – or evaluation of any game decision made by a Coach, Referee, Umpire, or Official the following is to be observed....

BEFORE TALKING TO ANYONE, COACH OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING A GAME DECISION, TAKE A COOLING OFF PERIOD OF 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU SPEAK TO A COACH OR ANYONE ELSE. ONLY COACHES OR BYAA OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK TO ANY LEAGUE EMPLOYEES, WHICH INCLUDES REFEREES. This pertains to all sports including football, basketball, volleyball, softball, or baseball.

IF YOU HAVE AN UNSOLICITED OPINION, DO NOT TALK TO THE COACH AT A GAME OR PRACTICE OR IN FRONT OF PEOPLE. Talk to he/she about a time you can call the next day. Call he or she the next day 24 hours later one on one.

If you are not satisfied with the conversation, you may call the appropriate person, first the Director of the Sport, then the BYAA President to express your concerns.

I have read, understand and will abide by this Parent /Guardian Pledge and 24 Hour Hothead Rule. I understand that failure to comply with this Pledge may result in disciplinary action from the BYAA Board including but not limited to formal reprimand, suspension from practices or games, or expulsion of your child from the program. Both parents must sign.

Parent: _____ Date: _____

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