

St. Joseph's CYO

Code of Conduct For Coaches, Players & Parents

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators, St. Joseph's CYO has established a Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of all players, coaches and Parents/Spectators. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The Code does not address every possible behavioral circumstance, however, it shall serve as a foundation of the Organization's belief's and principles.

St. Joseph's CYO is an instructional league in which the player's participation comes first and foremost. Although competition is an integral part of any sporting event, all participants shall have equal playing time at all positions, taking the child's ability into consideration to protect their health and safety. It shall be the obligation of ALL program participants, parents, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of their and/or their children's privileges to participate in, or attend, any or all of St. Joseph's CYO sponsored activities.

Coaches

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the Organization's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches shall:

- Be positive role models.
- Display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Ensure that all venues are left in the same clean condition after use.
- Ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches and league officials with respect.
- Not ridicule or demean players, other coaches or umpires.
- Not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by the St. Joseph's CYO.
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any St. Joseph's CYO athletic event.
- Not use any tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field.

Parents and Spectators

Parents and Spectators shall support the players, coaches, umpires and league officials. Parents and Spectators Shall:

- Be positive role models.
- Display and instill in all players, the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Not ridicule or demean players, coaches or umpires.
- Inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Treat all players, coaches and umpires fairly and with respect.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by the St. Joseph's CYO.
- Not question an official's call or "coach" or "officiate" from the stands.
- Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, officials or coaches.
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any St. Joseph's CYO athletic event.

Players

Players shall...

- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff.
- Respect all, coaches, players, league officials, umpires and spectators.
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.

Players shall *not*...

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Question an official's call.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any St. Joseph's CYO league equipment or property (e.g., throwing batting helmets, bats etc.)