



## DIOCESE OF TRENTON "CODE OF CONDUCT"

(TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND PLAYERS)

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in the promoting of the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for the parents, coaches, and officials to encourage young athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and will conform my behavior to the following "Code of Conduct".

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the child and not the adults.
2. I will learn and abide by the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child by encouraging sportsmanship, by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
4. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing or taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. I will promote the welfare and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire for my child to win.
9. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront a coach or official at the game or on the field.
10. I will demand a good sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
11. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practices, unless I am one of the official coaches.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not be limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league or organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through official or coach
- Parental season suspension

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Player Name

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Date