



**Hiram Ruritan**

**YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS CODE OF ETHICS**

**RIGHTS:**

- To have a safe and fun experience for your child.
- To have accurate and comprehensive information on programs.
- To be part of a quality program.
- To know about the complaint procedure.
- To be protected from repercussions if a complaint is filed.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To have a part in the supervision of your child.
- To bring forward valid complaints.
- To be a good spectator.
- To educate your children about abuse.
- To help your child find the right sport and program.
- To assess the philosophy of the coach and organization.
- To provide physical and emotional nurturing and guidance.
- To equally support your sons and daughters as athletes.
- To understand that all children are gifted, but not in equal ways.
- To support the individual needs and interests of children.
- To provide unconditional love and support, not based on performance.
- To ensure fun, learning and improving as opposed to just winning.
- To create a safe and fun environment.

**RULES:**

- I will not force my child to participate.
- I will remember that kids play to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
- I and my guests will be positive role models and encourage sportsmanship.
- I and my guest will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not encourage anything that would endanger the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts peacefully.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will offer praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or others for a mistake or losing.
- I will emphasize skill development and practice and de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes.
- I will respect the officials and their authority and the coaches for their decisions.
- I understand that verbal and physical abuse towards anyone will not be tolerated. Any acts of abuse should be reported to the Board of Directors for appropriate discipline.
- I will demand and maintain an environment that is free from Drugs, tobacco and alcohol at any facility and at any event.
- I understand that anyone smelling of alcohol during a sports function at any facility will be suspended from all sponsored events for a minimum of one year.
- I will refrain from coaching (unless I am one) my child or others during games and practices.

**I understand by signing this form I agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and will facilitate such agreement with all spectators that accompany me, my child/ward to any practice or sporting event.**

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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THESE CODE OF ETHICS HAVE BEEN ADAPTED FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS, THE MASSACHUSETTS GOVENOR'S COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY FOUNDATION.