

GOALS OF YMCA YOUTH SPORTS

1. **SKILLS** - We teach young people the basic skills of chosen sports.
2. **ENJOYMENT** - We encourage young people to compete for the fun and enjoyment of playing sports.
3. **WINNING vs. LOSING** - We encourage everyone to try their best, while keeping winning and losing in perspective.
4. **FAIR PLAY** - We strive to develop good sportsmanship, positive attitudes, dedication and determination among our participants.
5. **TEAMWORK** - We believe that individual accomplishment is secondary to teaching the value of good teamwork.

NON-DISCRIMINATION; HARRASSMENT

1. Coaches are prohibited from discriminating against or harassing players because of race, religion, sex, or ethnicity.
2. Coaches are prohibited from making sexual advances to players, using sexually explicit language during practices or games or engaging in any conduct during games or practices that could reasonably be considered sexually offensive.
3. Except in extraordinary circumstances, coaches are not permitted to be alone with any player other than the coach's child.
4. Coaches are expected to establish an atmosphere at practice and games that discourages team members and parents from engaging in verbal or physical harassment, abuse or bullying of team members or opponents. This type of behavior will not be tolerated and should be reported to the Sports Director immediately.

YMCA YOUTH SPORTS PARENTAL (AND COACHES) CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. Let the coaches do the coaching. They are the authorized representatives of your team.
2. Keep all comments to players, parents, officials and coaches of either team positive ones.
3. Never use any inappropriate language.
4. Cheer for your team, and show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child.
5. Be in control of your emotions. Expressing displeasure has never changed an official's call and will not be tolerated.
6. Recognize that referees are authorized to be in control of the game. The only thing parents are in control of is how they choose to react.
7. Never approach a referee for any reason, before, during or after a game.
8. Lend a hand when you are asked by a coach or referee.
9. Respect and execute instructions given by coaches and administration in a thankful way that help make our program a success.

PARENTAL (AND COACHES) RESPONSIBILITIES:

All parents want their kids to do well and have fun in the activities they pursue. We want you to be actively involved in positive ways with your child's athletic experiences with YMCA Youth Sports. To do that, you need to first understand your responsibilities as a parent of a child in YMCA Sports:

1. Keep winning in perspective, and help your child do the same.
2. Help your child set challenging but realistic goals, avoiding things such as scoring points or winning games.
3. Help your child meet responsibilities to the team and to the coach.
4. Turn your child over to the coach at practice and games.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:

Soccer is a contact sport, so physical contact between teammates and opponents is unavoidable. However, there is a difference between contact within the regular flow of the game and behavior of a malicious nature. In order to maintain a positive and safe environment for all our players, the following behaviors are prohibited when their intent is to do harm:

- Kicking
- Punching
- Biting
- Bullying
- Swearing
- Threats directed toward other players/staff/coaches/parents/referees

ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, & PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE LEAGUE RULES & PROCEDURES, WHICH INCLUDES ACCEPTING PENALTIES AND SUSPENSIONS FOR MISCONDUCT DURING PRACTICES AND GAMES