

Parent's/Spectator's Code of Conduct

PYSA, through the support of our PARENTS, will represent ECYSA with sportsmanship and positive reinforcement of its players, referees and opponents at all times. The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship.

As a parent and supporter of PYSA, I agree to abide by the following:

- I will always remember that the #1 priority is for all players to have FUN! It is the goal of PYSA, the parents, spectators and players to maximize the positive experience and sportsmanship that comes with being on a team.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not for me.
- I will communicate with my child's coach about any physical disability or ailment/food allergy that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will make every effort to have my child attend practices and games and will communicate with my child's coach if my child will be late or absent. Good communication between parents and coaches leads to a more positive experience for all involved.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. Knowing the rules of the game will help with development and will help to minimize disagreements.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players (on both teams), coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will explain to my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence (verbal or physical).
- I will explain to my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will explain to my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

- I acknowledge that the coach of my child's team is responsible for my behavior and I will therefore respect the coach's authority. I also acknowledge that the coach is a volunteer.
- In the event that I become aware of behavior towards my child or any other on the field, I will not hesitate in discussing this action with the player's coach.