

CODE OF CONDUCT: Zero-Tolerance Policy

In the best interest of our athletes, we have implemented a Zero-Tolerance Policy throughout our sports programs.

Families, coaches, participants, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable, responsible, honest, and caring manner. The YMCA has a zero-tolerance policy for behavior that is disrespectful, disruptive or rude. The YMCA of Greater Charlotte reserves the right to ask any individual(s) to leave the gym and/or facility for inappropriate behavior. Facility Supervisors and officials have the authority to ask any spectator or coach, who does not display conduct consistent with the YMCA's Mission and Youth Sports Philosophy, to leave the game and/or practice area. This includes inappropriate comments to the officials, staff, or other participants.

Families

1. Families shall support their players by being positive before, during and after team matches and other team events.
2. Families shall not attempt to coach or direct players in practices or matches.
3. Families shall not communicate with the officials or opponents at matches.
4. Families shall ensure that their players are fully prepared prior to practices or games: eating well, being properly hydrated, sleeping well, have the necessary equipment i.e. shin guards, cleats, etc.
5. Families shall make their best efforts to stay current with fees. If there is a genuine reason why they can't, they must communicate this with the team manager or the Director of Coaching as early as possible to avoid any interruption in their player's ability to practice and play for their respective team.
6. Families shall participate in team events to the best of their ability: field marshalling at tournaments, helping with transportation, participating in other team events and supporting all of the players on the team in their efforts.
7. Families are encouraged to communicate with the coach regarding player development, play time, personality issues, etc., at an appropriate time. Not during practices or matches.
8. Families are expected to support NPSA at every opportunity i.e. volunteering for their player's team, attending Club activities, etc.

PLAYERS:

1. Players shall at all times compose themselves and interact with respect towards their teammates, coaches, officials, sidelines and opponents.
2. Players shall come to practices and matches ready to play: well fed, rested, with water, with proper equipment and a good attitude.
3. Players shall take on the responsibility of communicating positively with coaches regarding absences, lateness, injuries, field position, etc.
4. Players will commit to working hard, striving to improve their game and having fun.
5. Players shall obtain and provide written medical clearance where illness and/or injury have resulted in a doctor or hospital visit.
6. Players shall commit to the team for the season. If unforeseen difficulties occur, the player will inform the coach as soon as possible.

COACHES:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
5. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
6. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
7. I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
8. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

9. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
10. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
11. I will read the National Standards for Youth Sports and do what I can to help all youth sports organizations implement and enforce them.