

Parent & Players Code Conduct & Ethics Agreement

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth 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.

As a parent or guardian I sign this pledge for my child. I pledge to follow the code, and review the content of the agreement with my child at the age appropriate level.

- 1. Never intentionally physically, verbally or emotionally harm, hurt, or intimidate any participant, coach, parent or official.
- 2. Never discriminate against or harass any person based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, language, socioeconomic status, or any basis protected by law.
- 3. Never engage in any behavior that would endanger the health, safety or well being of any player, coach, parent, participant, official or any other attendee.
- 4. Refrain from profanity, violence, drugs, tobacco and alcohol on or at any ORYA event
- 5. Communicate to all participants, players, parents, spectators and officials in a friendly and respectful manner.
- 6. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Lead by example by demonstrating respect toward your opponent, officials, coaches, & parents.
- 7. Be knowledgeable of and follow all facility rules, and policies related to use and access.
- 8. Respect all facility fields, equipment and property.
- 9. Always communicate appropriately and respectfully with Coaches, volunteers, ORYA staff and officials.
- Follow proper ORYA Communication Pathways (found on ORYA website) to communicate player, parent, personal or officials/referee issues, feedback, complaints, etc.
- 11. I have read and understand the Oyster River Youth Association Policy on Harassment & Bullying.

If the ORYA Program Director, Director or Board of Directors determine you have failed to follow this Code of Conduct and/or league rules I understand that any, or all, of the following disciplinary actions may occur:

- Verbal Warning & Written Documentation
- Temporary suspension from participation including attendance at activity and/or facility
- Suspension from the activity and/or facility
- Immediate removal from activity including facility
- Indefinite expulsion from all activities and facilities.

With my signature, which I sign voluntarily, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.