



PARENT PLEDGE

This Parent Pledge is to help parents understand their role in Youth Sports. It is expected that P.L.A.Y. parents will inform and control guests and friends that attend games.

As a parent of a P.L.A.Y. athlete, I will:

1. Engage in “No-Directions Cheering”, letting the players and coaches take responsibility for the first goal of winning. I will relentlessly focus on the second, more important, goal of using sports to teach life lessons to my child and other youth.
2. Set an example for my child by Honoring the Game and will encourage him/her to remember ROOTS (Respect for the Rules, Opponents, Officials, Team & Self). This includes appropriate language, comments, dress, and actions.
3. Use positive encouragement to fill the Emotional Tanks of my children, their teammates and coaches. As I understand people perform at their best being positive.
4. Reinforce the ELM of Sports Mastery with my child, meaning that I will encourage my child to... (E) put in a high level of Effort, (L) have a teachable spirit to continue to Learn and improve, (M) to quickly rebound from Mistakes.
5. Support my child’s commitment to their team by getting my child to and from practice and games on time. I will share in my child’s commitment to the team as an in-season sport and work with coaches when conflicts arise.
6. Allow a 24 hour ‘cool down, be objective’ period before I discuss any serious concerns I have with a coach before communicating with that coach in an objective and adult manner.

Basic Parental Responsibility:

“I will represent Prior Lake Athletics with my personal best efforts, never bringing embarrassment or an unfavorable view to my team, coaches, family, P.L.A.Y. or community

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Abuse brings restrictions and penalties may vary from a minimum of one event suspension from P.L.A.Y. athletic events to restriction for a season and the following sport season. Parental actions may be grounds for removal of a child from the program. **Any conduct issues must be reported in writing to the sport director and will be reviewed by the respective sport board, once all information is available.**

____ * **BY Registering my child for a P.L.A.Y. Sport/Program, I understand that I and my family must honor this Pledge when attending any P.L.A.Y. event for the good of our players, our community, and our organization.**

