

La Mirada Youth Sports Code of Conduct

Preamble: *Your sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical 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 sporting events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.*

**I, and my guests, therefore pledge to abide by the following codes of conduct:
(Parent or guardian is responsible for the conduct of their guests)**

- 1. Will not** engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- 2. Will not** engage in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
- 3. Will not** use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products while at youth sports events and will not attend or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 4. Will not** engage in the use of profanity.
- 5. Will not** engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- 6. Will not** initiate a fight, or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

It is the responsibility of each league to ensure that the Code of Conduct is clearly explained and understood by all who participate or spectate in any youth sporting event.

All board member, coaches, officials and spectators are responsible to abide by this Code of Conduct.

Each league Board of Directors must educate its participants on proper conduct as a coach, player, or spectator as well as educate them on how to keep children's sports positive. Also, there must be a meeting with all coaches, who must then meet with all parents to ensure the code and the consequences of violating it are understood by all participants.

I hereby agree that if my conduct is not confirming to the foregoing rules on city facilities, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Verbal warning issued by the league or organization.
- B. Written warning issued by the league or organization.
- C. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the league or organization.
- D. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by the league or organization.
- E. Season Suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the league or organization.

Any reported violation of the Code of Conduct must be investigated within the league by the Board of Directors for its validity, and if necessary, disciplinary actions must be enforced by the Board itself or by a Board appointed enforcement committee.

Nonconformance to the Code of Conduct will result in one or more of the actions listed above, depending upon its severity and determined by the Board of Directors.

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