

SYA PARENTS/PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary goal of the Salisbury Youth Association sports programs is to develop the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports, and to encourage the concept of sportsmanship through the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

I therefore agree that:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun, and the game is for youth, not adults. I will support the goals of youth sports that emphasize skill development, teamwork and fair play over winning.
3. I will place the physical and emotional well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment and I will not encourage behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
6. I will insist a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
7. I understand that the SYA youth sports programs are not a babysitting service. I will not leave my child, and or other children unattended at any event without prior approval from the coach. I will provide adequate supervision for other guests that I may bring to the event.
8. I will strive to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. I will support the officials enforcement of these rules and policies.
9. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy. I will demonstrate a positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every sports event.
10. I (and my guests) or my child, will not engage in any un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, other player, or parent, such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, the use of profane language, or gestures.
11. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game. I will insist that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
12. I will respect officials and their authority during games. I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. I will calmly seek solutions at a proper time and location, refraining from confrontation in front of the children.
 - a. I understand that I have the right to submit a written complaint within seven days to the Association for any behavior by a coach, official, player, or spectator that I feel is inappropriate or non-supportive of the goals of the SYA.
13. I understand and agree that if I, or any child under my guardianship fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I, or any child under my guardianship may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following, and not necessarily in the order listed.
 - a. Verbal warning by official, head coach, director, and or head of league organization.
 - b. Written warning from the director or president of the SYA.
 - c. Parental game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the SYA.
 - d. Game forfeit through the official or coach
 - e. Parental season suspension.

Parent/guardian signature

Date