

Gaston Youth Sports - Player and Parent Code of Conduct

Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all participants—players, coaches, parents, spectators and officials—within our youth sports program. All participants are expected to uphold the values of sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork.

Player Code of Conduct

1. **Respect for Others:** I will treat coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators with respect at all times. I will use appropriate language and avoid offensive or disrespectful speech. I will ensure that any music, apparel, or other personal items I bring to practices or games are appropriate and do not contain offensive or inappropriate content.
2. **Effort and Attitude:** I will give my best effort in all practices and games, maintain a positive attitude, and support my teammates. I will focus on living in each moment and will not allow mistakes—whether my own or my teammates'—to affect my effort or performance on the next play.
3. **Sportsmanship:** I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, win or lose, and will not engage in disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. **Rules and Instructions:** I will follow the rules of the game and listen to my coaches and referees.
5. **Substance-Free:** I will not use or possess any illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
6. **No Bullying:** I will not engage in any form of bullying, including verbal, physical, or online harassment.
7. **Consequences for Misconduct:** I understand that failing to follow the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including:
 - Warnings
 - Suspension from practices or games
 - Removal from the team
 - See the Enforcement section below for more details

Parent Code of Conduct

1. **Positive Support:** I will encourage and support my child, the coaches and the team in a positive and respectful manner.
2. **Respect for Coaches and Officials:** I will respect the authority of coaches and officials, understanding that they are responsible for managing the game and ensuring a fair and safe environment for all participants.

3. **Refrain from Negative Behavior:** I will not engage in negative behavior such as yelling at officials, criticizing coaches, or directing negative comments toward other players or parents.
4. **Sideline Conduct:** I will remain in designated spectator areas and will not interfere with coaching, game management, or the decisions of officials. I will refrain from coaching from the sidelines or directing players during the game. I will ensure that any music, apparel, or personal items brought to events are appropriate and free of offensive or inappropriate content. I will show respect for all participants, including opposing teams and their supporters, and will avoid confrontational or disruptive behavior.
5. **Communication:** I will address any concerns with the coaches and/or board member(s) privately and respectfully, following the proper communication channels.
6. **Substance-Free:** I will not use or possess any illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or vaping devices during any Gaston Youth Sports practice, game, or other event. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring that all family members and friends who attend events are aware of and comply with this expectation.**

Enforcement

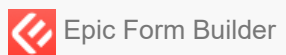
I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- Verbal or written warning issued by a league, organization or board official.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league, organization or board official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by a Gaston Youth Sports board member or authorized coach.
- Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by a league, organization or board official who is authorized to issue such suspension by a Gaston Youth Sports board member or authorized coach.
- Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Gaston Youth Sports board.
- The coaching staff and Gaston Youth Sports board reserve the right to enforce this Code of Conduct as needed.
- Any violations of this Code of Conduct by players or parents may result in immediate removal from practices, games, or the program without refund.

Acknowledgment

By registering my child for Gaston Youth Sports, I agree to abide by the above Player and Parent Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary actions as outlined.

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