



St Johns Youth Athletic Association

P.O. Box 113 St Johns, MI 48879

Parents Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors of the St. Johns Youth Athletic Association (SJYAA) takes the responsibility of youth sports very seriously. The Board of Directors, coaches, officials and even our players are examined throughout the particular sport's season to see that the children's and the association's best interests are paramount in our actions. The one area left alone for too long and rarely examined, are the actions of the parents and spectators of youth sporting events. Many other communities in the United States are looking to address this need for a code of ethics for parents. With that in mind, SJYAA has created the following **Parents code of Ethics** for all parents of the children in our program to follow.

We, Mr. _____ & Mrs. _____ promise to do my best to help each child in a SJYAA youth sports activity to develop both mentally as well as physically. I promise to remember that we play for fun, and that all children involved in the SJYAA programs must get a fair chance to participate. I realize that that part of an association's and, more specifically, a coach's responsibility, is to achieve successful results. But "winning" comes secondary to all children getting a chance to play and have fun. I understand that this is not an adult sports association, but rather, a youth sports association formed for the children in the community, and for their enjoyment. I will do my best to see that children enjoy participation in SJYAA programs. As a parent in the St. Johns Youth Athletic Association, I do hereby promise to:

- FOLLOW ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF YOUTH SPORTS AND SJYAA AT ALL TIMES.
- REFRAIN FROM USING ABUSIVE OR FOUL LANGUAGE DURING ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION RELATED TO SJYAA YOUTH SPORTS
- NEVER USE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE, DURING OR DIRECTLY AFTER (AND IN THE PRESENCE OF PLAYERS) ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION RELATED TO SJYAA YOUTH SPORTS
- NEVER USE TOBACCO DURING OR DIRECTLY AFTER (AND IN THE PRESENCE OF PLAYERS) ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION RELATED TO SJYAA YOUTH SPORTS
- NEVER USE ILLEGAL DRUGS
- NEVER USE PHYSICAL FORCE TO STRIKE, HIT OR INFLICT PHYSICAL HARM TO ANY CHILD, OPPONENT, SPECTATOR OR OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION RELATED TO SJYAA YOUTH SPORTS
- HOLD IN HIGH REGARD, THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN IN MY CARE
- ADDRESS AND REPORT ALL PARENTAL COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE SJYAA PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHEN THEY OCCUR
- I HAVE RECEIVED MY COPY OF THE "CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES" AND UNDERSTAND THAT MY ACTIONS AS COACH WILL ALSO BE HELD TO THOSE GUIDELINES

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY BE DISCIPLINED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THESE POINTS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR SJYAA BOARD OF DIRECTOR. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM OF SJYAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR MAJOR OR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THESE POINTS.

Coaches Signature _____ Date _____

SJYAA Board Approval _____ Date _____