



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA of San Joaquin County Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

The YMCA of San Joaquin County's mission is to build strong minds and character for all youth in our community. The behavior of all adults involved in the youth sports program should help further this mission. Remember that we are here for the kid's enjoyment. Their emotional and physical well-being is priority, not winning. Sports are naturally fun for children, but if we take the fun out of sports, we run the risk of the young athletes taking themselves out of sports.

Rules:

1. Be positive; praise the players' effort and sportsmanship. No criticizing of any child, including your own.
2. Respect all participants. Cheer for your team, not against anyone. All kids are part of our community.
3. Respect the officials' authority. Mistakes happen, but you may not yell at them at any point. Complaining or arguing about calls are prohibited.
4. Respect the other parents and spectators. Harassing other spectators is prohibited.
5. Use appropriate language. Profanity and obscene gestures are forbidden.
6. Do not enter the field of play without the permission of an official.
7. Abstain from tobacco and alcohol use at all YMCA events. Do not attend any YMCA events while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. Violent behavior of any kind or threats of violence, either implied or direct, are prohibited at any YMCA events.

** See back for more details. Please consult with a YMCA staff if you have questions or concerns regarding this code of conduct.

All parents, coaches and spectators must comply with YMCA officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established by the YMCA of San Joaquin County. Failure, will result in any of the following:

- A verbal warning.
- You will be asked to leave the premises and play will not resume until you have done so.
- Suspension
- Permanent removal from YMCA sports.

Remember that children play, referees call, fans cheer and coaches teach!



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PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR:

Violence may include, but is not limited to the following list of prohibited behaviors directed at or by a player, parent, spectators or coach:

1. Direct threats or physical intimidation.
2. Implications or suggestions of violence; including “veiled threats”.
3. Possession of weapons of any kind on/at YMCA events, including parking lots, other exterior premises or while engaged in activities for YMCA in other locations
4. Assault of **any** form.
5. Physical restraint, confinement.
6. Dangerous or threatening horseplay.
7. Loud, disruptive or angry behavior or language
8. Any other act that a reasonable person would perceive as constituting a threat of violence.

Retaliation against a person who makes a complaint regarding violent behavior or threats of violence made to him/her is also prohibited.