



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. Remember the **Child First**, the **Sport Second**.
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. If you enter the field of play, there will be a **suspension** given to your child that will not allow them to attend practices or games that will be determined by the Sports Department.
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.

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!