City of Pompano Beach

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement

Youth athletic programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

PLEDGE: **As a participating parent/guardian, I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending or participating in you athletics and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will be a positive role model for my team demonstrating how to treat other players, parents, officials and coaches with respect at all times.
2. I will show respect and encouragement to all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups on all teams regardless of score and team.
3. I will support the decisions of coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone.
4. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
5. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and abide by them. If I have a concern, I will speak directly with my child's coach in a pleasant and constructive manner.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
8. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child, win or lose.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak.
11. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth athletic events.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
13. I will observe my child's practices and games from an area that league officials designate for spectators. Only certified coaches, team managers and staff are allowed on the sidelines during games.
14. I will ensure that my child have all their equipment for practices and games and know that I am responsible for the replacement cost(s)
15. Only 30 players per team/25 cheerleaders per squad.
16. All additional cost outside the regular season of playing or cheering games is the responsibility of the Parents.

I have read the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. By signing below, I am in full understanding of what is expect of me as parent/guardian of a participant with the City's Youth Athletic Program and agree to abide by all the guidelines within the agreement.

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Name	Signature	Date