



Eastern York Recreation Authority Youth Sport Player, Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

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Within our society, competitiveness is fostered and desired, especially pertaining to sports. While Eastern York Recreation Authority (EYRA) values competitiveness and strives to meet the needs of the families in our community with the youth sport programs, definite expectations must be met by all parties involved to promote a positive experience.

Therefore, as a player within EYRA, I agree to:

- Respect all coaches and attempt to understand and utilize ideas and strategies shared with the team.
- Consistently put forth my best effort, always considering the progress and well-being of my teammates.
- Control my actions to prevent myself and others from sacrificing valuable play/ practice time.
- Respect all facilities and equipment used for practices and games.
- Display good sportsmanship and uphold the honor and dignity of the sport, organization, and league in all personal contact with players, parents, coaches, opponents, officials, administrators, and spectators.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games. Never question, discuss, or confront officials during play.
- Remain focused on the coaches and increase the likelihood of my team acquiring new skills and decrease the frequency of unnecessary interruptions.
- Use appropriate language and gestures during practices and games and play with the highest ideals of character.
- Acknowledge that I may be removed from play/ practice or the team/program if my actions violate the above code.

Parents, family members and all adults in supportive roles are critically important to our programs and are the ultimate guide for our children in personal conduct, understanding and balancing winning and losing, and in teaching good sportsmanship.

Therefore, as a parent, spectator, or guest of EYRA, I agree to:

- Be encouraging and supportive of my child and his/her teammates' play on the field. I will provide positive comments and inspiration.
- Remember that children participate to have fun and play for the benefit of their enjoyment, not mine.
- Be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or related activity.
- Teach my child to play by the rules and find alternative ways to resolve conflicts and frustration without resorting to negative behavior.
- Praise my child for competing fairly and working hard, while refraining from ridiculing or yelling when a mistake is made.
- Show restraint in challenging times and never contest officials or other spectators during EYRA activities.
- Value the officials' commitment and their authority during games. Never question, discuss, or confront an official during play, but instead take time to respectfully speak with individuals at an agreed upon time.
- Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Refrain from coaching or directing my child, or others on the field, during games and practices unless I am an EYRA coach volunteering for the program.
- Commit to understanding the rules of the particular sport, the organization, and the league, and how they relate to each age level.
- Pledge to provide time or assistance to support the needs of the youth sport program (i.e., team parent, concessions, etc.) so that all players be given a rewarding experience.

EYRA expects parents, players, and spectators to abide by these rules and monitor this Code of Conduct during all games and practices. If a breach of these rules is witnessed, please inform the Head Coach immediately so that any reoccurrence can be eliminated. If repeated violations are witnessed, please contact the Youth Sport Coordinator or Eastern York Recreation Authority.

Parents, players, and spectators must acknowledge that a serious violation or repeated violation could result in the removal of the individual/s from the game, current season roster or future participation.