



NSYFCA requires that the parent, legal guardian, or adult designee for each program participant acknowledge, sign and return a code of conduct form, on behalf of their family and guests, each season.

This code of conduct provides the tenets of sportsmanship, which must be followed, in terms of behavior toward the program's participants, coaches, referees, leadership, volunteers, opponents, and other spectators. Violations of any of the terms of the signed code of conduct are subject to sanctions by NSYFCA, including (but not limited to):

- Verbal and/or Written Admonishments,
- Suspension from League Events, Practices and/or Games,
- Lawful Removal from Program Event Premises, and
- The Issuance & Legal Enforcement of No-Trespass Orders,

The guiding behavioral principles that must be followed by the families, friends & guests of all children who participate in NSYFCA are provided, as follows:

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these *"six pillars of character."*

I agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I will understand & follow all league policies.
6. I will not be in the coaching box, player's area, or on the game field/area prior to, during or at the conclusion of a game, unless the President or Head Coach has given permission to do so.
7. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
8. I (and my guests) 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.
9. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
10. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
12. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
13. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
14. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
15. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
16. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
17. 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 with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
18. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
19. 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.
20. I will accept & abide by any sanctions taken by the league for violations of this Code of Conduct.

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### Unsportsmanlike/Bullying Conduct

Unsportsmanlike/bullying conduct includes but is not limited to the following: fighting, verbal abuse, bullying of a team member or dissent toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, profanity, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, "trash talk", baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.

### Complaints, Allegations, Grievances

Improper conduct should be reported to the Parent Liaison or President of NSYFCA within 24 hours of the incident. Those who are found guilty of improper code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by NSYFCA Board of Directors. Complaints, allegations, or grievances should be brought to the immediate attention of the Parent Liaison and/or President.

### Disciplinary Action

1st offense – Coach talks to Parent/individual.

2nd offense – Parent liaison is to be notified. The individual will not be allowed to participate without Board of Directors approval.

The Parent Liaison and/or the President of NSYFCA shall have the power to impose any disciplinary action(s) it deems necessary and appropriate for those who fail to abide by the NSYFCA code of conduct. Disciplinary action can range from a written reprimand to being barred from participation or association with NSYFCA or CMYFCC.

Anyone who does not abide by the above NSYFCA Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the game or event, and may be barred from attending any other NSYFCA or CMYFCC sponsored game or event.

### Ejection and Suspension

#### 1. Game Ejections:

A. Any coach, player, cheerleader, parent, spectator, or anyone else - whether associated or not associated with NSYFCA - who is ejected (removed) from a game or practice is automatically suspended from attending and/or participating in the next scheduled game or practices for a week. Removal from a game or practice shall be interpreted to include the playing/practice field and the spectator area.

B. A second offense is the same person during the same season and/or during the following season will result in immediate suspension for the remainder of the then current year.

C. A third offense by the same person will result in immediate lifetime suspension from participating or attending any NSYFCA or CMYFCC games and/or any activity sponsored by NSYFCA or CMYFCC.

While on suspension, the coach, player, cheerleader, parent or other(s) may not attend any practices or games in which any NSYFCA team participates.

By signing my name below, I hereby agree to abide by the requirements outlined above, and understand that the violations of these requirements could result in my dismissal from NSYFCA.

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Parent Name (Please Print)

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Name (Please Print)

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Parent Signature

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Date