



## **Youth Sports Code of Conduct for parents, coaches, and volunteers**

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents and adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field/court. The following is the Code of Conduct that all parents, coaches, volunteers, and spectators are expected to abide by in youth sports.

- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the sport is for youth, not adults
- Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- Support your coach, and refrain from excessive “sideline coaching” from the stands.
- Cheer positively for your team. Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team, by words or gestures.
- Accept the decisions of officials on the field/court as being fair and final. Officials call it to the best of their ability.
- Stay off the field/court and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- Support the coaches, players, officials, and staff and help teach the value of respect, commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- Do not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, staff, or any other attendee.
- Do not encourage children to engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials, staff, or any other attendee.
- Do not use any profanity or obscene language or gestures.

Inappropriate behavior and/or violation of the code of conduct could result in immediate ejection. Repeat offenses or if an infraction is severe enough will result in being suspended from future games and league sponsored activities. All compliance infractions will be reviewed by the Recreation Manager and Superintendent and is subject to disciplinary action. There is a zero tolerance for fighting. Any person engaging in a physical altercation will be suspended indefinitely. All Volunteers must adhere to the City of Pasadena Athletics Division, Mission and Philosophy. The code of conduct applies to anyone attending an official game or practice.