



South Sound YMCA - Players' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following the Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, official, parent, and administrator with dignity, based on the YMCA Character Development values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.
- I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I am participating, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Failure to adhere to the above stated code of ethics could result in suspension.

Tips for Becoming a Good Youth Sports Player

- Believe in yourself and your abilities. Learn from your mistakes.
- Practice the fundamentals and work hard on areas that need improvement.
- Listen to your coach.
- Be patient with your teammates and remember that everyone has strengths and weaknesses. In team sports, success only comes when the entire team plays well together.
- Give 100% in games and practices. It doesn't take special talent to hustle, but it could make all the difference in the game.
- Never question an official. They do not care who wins or loses and want nothing more than to have a game that is fair and safe. Make it easier by not talking back to them.
- Be a good sport and play fair. Put winning and losing in perspective. Remember the Golden Rule ("Treat others as you would want to be treated").
- Include your parents in your sports world.
- Have fun and enjoy every moment playing.