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Dear Parent(s) & Guardian:

I wanted to take this opportunity to put in writing my goals for your child and the team this year. Youth Recreation sports can be an exciting and fun opportunity for your child to learn new skills and have fun. As fun as it can be for your child, different expectations from the coach, parent(s), and player can take away from that positive experience in a number of ways.

I believe that players gain confidence and a love for the game through positive feedback from parents, coaches, and other players. Skill level develops at different rates for players, but effort and having fun can always be achieved. I try to always provide positive feedback for effort.

Teamwork and developing friendships is an important part of any team sport. I always try to tell the players how important it is for them to support each other and to always be positive towards their teammates.

Playing Time and Positions

For this age group there is a drastic difference in skill level among the players. I want to give the players an opportunity to play a number of different positions and I'll make sure each player gets a chance to play.

Parent Expectations

Please encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice. Please cheer for your child during games, but try to keep from yelling instructions to them. Remember this is their opportunity to enjoy playing in the game.

Parent Code of Conduct

The following Parent Code of Conduct is in place for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the practice or game and be suspended from the next game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.



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- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- 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 or practice.
- 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.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- 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.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 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.

Please let me know if you have a problem with me or something that is happening. Same holds true if your child isn't happy about something. I want to know if there is a problem right away. With this age group, very small things can cause a child to be upset. These problems can be fixed very easily if I know about them.

I'm looking forward to a fun and rewarding year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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