

East Pennsboro Youth Athletic League (EPYAL) Code of Conduct

The scope and purpose of the EPYAL Code of Conduct is to promote positive sportsmanship with core principles including respect, accountability, integrity and diversity. **All players, parents, and coaches ("participants")** shall be courteous and treat all others present at practices and games in a manner that reflects fair, kind and considerate behaviors. Participants shall follow the defined rules of EPYAL and the participating league. Participants shall demonstrate supportive behaviors and be responsible for physical, verbal, and/or written actions and results in regards to children, facilities and equipment. All participants shall understand and value the differences between people in a positive manner and must exercise self-control and discipline when faced with conflicts and differences.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- * Not use drugs/alcohol before or during games or practices.
- * Conduct yourself in a manner which promotes positive behaviors and sportsmanship.
- * Not use tobacco products on any EPYAL, Township or school properties.
- * Not use profanity.
- * Not engage in physical, verbal, or written altercations.
- * Not engage in taunting.
- * Not throw equipment or abuse property.
- * Not get ejected from games.
- * Stay in designated areas during games. Parents are encouraged to be in spectator areas and players are encouraged to be on the field or bench area.
- * **Be mindful that this organization is for CHILDREN.**

ALL PARENTS MUST:

- * Inform your players and other children and guests of EPYAL's Code of Conduct.
- * Refrain from putting unreasonable demands on your player.
- * Encourage your player to establish goals.
- * All players should be willing participants. Please inform the coach of any conditions your player may have.
- * Refrain from interfering with the coaching of your player unless you are an official member of the coaching staff. Parents should never confront a coach or official on the field of play or immediately after a game.
- * Respectfully discuss "differences of opinion" about playing time, positions, etc. in private at an appropriate and agreed upon time at least 24-hours after a game or practice.

ALL COACHES MUST:

- * Not ridicule players, coaches or officials.
- * Use positive feedback with players.
- * Report incidents involving **any** unruly behavior to their respective Director.
- * Be civil when discussing "differences of opinion" with officials, other coaches, or parents.
- * Remove participants from the field of play and seek shelter when lightning is visible. Participants may not return to the field of play for a minimum of 30 minutes after the last lightning strike, unless another league's rule designates another amount of time.
- * Be responsible for players cleaning field/bench area after games and practices.
- * Agree to attend a coaching skills clinic when offered.

By signing this form, I hereby agree to abide by these standards and discuss them with my player/participant if applicable. I also agree that if both I and my player/participant do not follow the regulations set in EPYAL's Code of Conduct, one or both of us may be subject to one or more of the following actions:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning.
3. Immediate suspension/ejection from the current game/practice.
4. Partial or full season suspension.
5. Suspension or ejection from all EPYAL activities

In instances requiring Board review, participants may be removed from play and may not be allowed to participate again until the matter is resolved.

NAME OF PLAYER(S)/PARTICIPANT(S)

PARENT/GUARDIAN/COACH (print)

(signature)

(date)