



AVON
YOUTH SPORTS

Avon Youth Sports | Athletic Code of Conduct

Avon Youth Sports (AYS) Mission: To provide high quality athletic programming and instruction for youth athletes to develop physically and mentally by encouraging growth in teamwork, effort, skill, sportsmanship, and character.

This AYS Athletic Code of Conduct has been prepared as a guide to the expectations of AYS. This policy applies to all parties involved or present at AYS events, regardless of their role or affiliation. The Code of Conduct is to be read and understood by all coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players, and parents.

The Town of Avon, Indiana Sports supports youth sport activity that is governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship. Value and emphasis on sportsmanship, character building, and positive conduct are a requirement of our athletic participants. Persons unwilling to abide by this Code should reconsider their involvement in AYS activities.

Principles and Expectations:

- AYS believes in the principles of fair play, ethical behavior, and the right of every individual to fully enjoy sport without undue interference from others.
- AYS recognizes competitive sport activities are a source of strong feelings which may lead to misunderstandings, disagreements, and other related conflicts.
- AYS believes that every participant has a requirement to respect the right of competitors to hold conflicting points of view or opinions.
- AYS expects its coaches, players, referees, families, and spectators to deal with conflicts in a positive and respectful manner, with focus on good sportsmanship.
- AYS expects its coaches, players, referees, families, and spectators to cooperate in promoting the enjoyment of sports, over the victory of any game, to the greatest extent possible for the development of the player.
- AYS expects adherence to both the spirit and the letter of its rules of the Game. Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous, and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play, over social media, or any place away from the playing area.
- AYS expects all participants to show respect for players and opponents, regardless of their skill.
- AYS expects most activities to involve children from a very young age. Children are influenced by the behavior of adults, so adult participants will be held to the very highest standards of conduct.
- AYS discourages demonstrations and protests which may disrupt or disturb other members or delay the start of organized play.
- AYS will not permit any player or volunteer registered for a program to play with pending or previous criminal charges. Releasing a player during a program season due to pending charges will forfeit any refunds.
- AYS will not permit any participant to register under a name that is not their legal name, and this may be cause for permanent removal of all AYS sporting events and activities.