



Between The Game Sports Code of Conduct

In youth sports it is important that all coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, officials and even players share the value of promoting good sportsmanship, teamwork, fairness, respect, and self-control. We must recognize the importance of sports in that it helps children develop a sense of self-worth. It is vital that all of those who are participating remember that we should Lead by Example, and that we are role models for our children. Always remember that **Children Come First**. All participants must be committed to the code of conduct. It is everyone's responsibility to know and understand these standards. Failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary actions held by the BTGS administration.

As a player, I understand that I must:

1. Respect the game, play fairly, and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after the game.
4. Be courteous to the opposing team and treat all players and coaches with respect.
5. Be modest when winning and be gracious in defeat.

As a parent/guardian, I understand that I must:

1. Always remember children play for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage my child to play by the rules of the game and league.
3. Teach my child that victory isn't everything, playing as well as you can is just as important.
4. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, spectators and officials at the game.
5. Applaud good play by either team. Support the officials.

As a coach, I understand that I must:

1. Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
2. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all involved.
3. Respect the game and the league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.
4. Be responsible for my own behavior and also the behavior of my team members.
5. Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all my players.

Promoting a positive sports experience for everyone is our goal. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will anyone use profanity, verbal comments or physical gestures about or toward anyone that could be considered offensive, derogatory or abusive. These inappropriate behaviors will result in disciplinary actions held by the coaches/director. Such actions may result in ejection from the game.

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I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in or attending any youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. **I WILL NOT** engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. **I WILL NOT** encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. **I WILL NOT** engage in any behavior in which it would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. **I WILL NOT** encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. **I WILL NOT** use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. **I WILL NOT** permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. **I WILL NOT** engage in the use of profanity OR encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
8. **I WILL** treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
9. **I WILL** encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. **I WILL NOT** engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
11. **I WILL NOT** encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. **I WILL NOT** initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. **I WILL NOT** encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

PARENTS and SPECTATORS will follow all rules, and codes of conduct. They shall not enter the court of play unless requested by the referee, which might happen if a child is injured. If the Parent or spectator wishes to express disagreement, dissatisfaction, or concern on any matter, he/she can do so in a written format via email: media@betweenthegame.com

REFEREES are in charge of all game activity and are to make sure each team abides by the rules. Referees have the authority to eject players, coaches and parents from the playing area for inappropriate behavior and language. Failure to comply with the referee may result in termination of the game and an automatic forfeit/loss for your team, and a suspension from involvement in future games. Respect all rulings made by the referees. Their rulings are Final!

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PRACTICE is a very important part of team sports and player development. Practice is **MANDATORY** for all players. All teams will practice twice a week. **INJURIES /ILLNESS** are two different things, if a player is ill or injured, please inform the coach or director. In the case of illness or emergencies, please contact the coach or director directly. Injured players are still required to attend practice. Each practice is important to the success of the team. Missing practice, the player will miss important things implemented throughout each practice. Only the director can excuse player(s) from practice.



MISSING THE PRACTICE BEFORE A GAME WILL IMPACT THE PLAYER PLAYING TIME. THEY COULD SIT OUT A HALF OR ENTIRE GAME DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PRACTICES MISSED. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE BY EITHER THE TEAM COACH OR THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

I have read & understand the Between The Game Sports Conduct Above.

Date: _____

Print Player Name: _____ Parent: _____

Player Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

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