



BARBARA BAUER BRIGGS FAMILY YMCA PARENTAL CODE OF ETHICS

The YMCA is committed to providing a safe, valuable, and enriching experience through youth sports that advocates for wellness, social responsibility and character development. In order to ensure that the YMCA is able to adhere to these standards, and thus provide opportunities for current and future participants to learn and grow within a structured system, a series of guidelines has been created to certify parents are informed on expectations regarding conduct.

As parents and/or legal guardians of _____ we understand, acknowledge and agree that as part of the YMCA we will adhere and comply with the following expectations:

- Shouting and profanity directed at any official, coach, or YMCA staff member **will not be tolerated.** Be aware that coaches are volunteers, and many of them sacrifice time and resources in order to ensure that your child has a trouble-free and successful season. Referees are paid officials, and are therefore considered employees of the YMCA. Foul language, excessive shouting, or physical contact directed at any representative of the YMCA will permit barring from the program, and in cases in which it applies, legal action may be taken. **No refund** will be issued to any party who is banned for unethical conduct.
 - If you would like to volunteer your time as a coach, or inquire about refereeing opportunities, please reach out to the Sports and Teen Program Director for further details.
- Sportsmanship, ethical behavior and safety are of the utmost priority. Adults are expected to exemplify this behavior while participating in YMCA Youth Programs. Our goal is to guide today's youth towards behavior that is moral, tolerant and respectful. We ask that you embody these values through your actions.
- Volunteer your services when available. We ask that you be an active participant by volunteering to keep score, interim coach, line judge or act as team parent, if need be.
- Support the coach and offer assistance when needed.
- Support the YMCA staff by discouraging any behavior or rhetoric that conflicts with the values promoted by the YMCA.
- Alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use **is not permitted** on the premises at any time.
- There are no refunds once the program begins.

Keep in mind that this is a **YOUTH sports league**. There is no official record kept, and therefore, there is no relevant ranking system. The safety of your child, YMCA staff members and spectators is our priority. We are more concerned with **doing what is right rather than being right**. The YMCA wants your children to learn their desired sport, while also learning how to lose and win with grace.

By signing this document, you understand the consequences of being found non-compliant with any of these guidelines, including the zero tolerance and conflict resolution policies as noted in the league rules. You understand that you are responsible for the actions of your guests before, during and after any games they may attend.

Name of Child _____ Age _____

Printed Name of Guardian _____

Signature _____ Date _____