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Parent's Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents and coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending or coaching in a youth sports event sponsored by DeWitt Parks & Recreation 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, any other child, or person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, participant, **official** or any other attendee.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
4. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
5. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
6. I will be knowledgeable in the rules, and I will teach these rules to my players.
7. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
8. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, participant, **official** or any other attendee.
9. I will not encourage my child, any 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.
10. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
11. I will not 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 other coach, player, participant, **official** or any other attendee.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending or coaching in a youth sports event sponsored by DeWitt Parks & Recreation, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination.

1. **Verbal warning issued by the Parks & Recreation Commission.**
2. **Written warning issued by the Parks & Recreation Commission.**
3. **Immediate ejection from the game by the Parks & Recreation Commission.**
4. **Suspension from multiple games issued by the Parks & Recreation Commission.**
5. **Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Parks & Recreation Commission.**