



## MACCRAY COMMUNITY ED & REC

### YOUTH SPORTS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The MACCRAY Community Ed & Rec youth sports program seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending Community Ed sponsored events help us by reflecting these character traits.

***Community Ed's role is to provide the opportunity for every child to be on a team. It does not get involved in issues regarding playing time. Parents need to talk directly to the coach if there are concerns about this.***

Please support our volunteer coaches as they give hundreds of hours of their time to give this opportunity to your child. Without volunteer coaches, we would not be able to have a youth sports program. Also, be mindful of how you talk about the coaches in front of your player and other kids. If you are not happy about something, please do not talk about it in front of them. It leads them to adopt a similar mindset when playing for a coach.

It is easy for even the most well-intentioned parent to get caught up in his/her child's sports and engage in behavior that contradicts the objectives youth sports are supposed to embody. Here are our expectations that will help you be a better sports parent.

#### **YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS**

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to others regardless of race, sex, or ability.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
- I will demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, and sporting event.
- I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will not question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field.
- I will teach my child to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures, etc.
- I will not yell at officials, coaches, and players.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health, safety, and well-being of the players.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will not blame anyone after a loss.
- I will practice the golden rule of treating others the way I would like to be treated by others.
- I will drop off and pick up my player on time for both practices and games. I will not leave the court or field until a coach is present.