

## **BRAD AKINS YMCA YOUTH SPORTS**

### **Code of Conduct**

**Brad Akins YMCA seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our communities' youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We ask that parents, coaches, players and their guests attending YMCA sponsored events help us by reflecting these character traits at games.**

**When attending YMCA sponsored events, I therefore agree:**

- **I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.**
- **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.**
- **If a player on the field goes down with an injury and referee stops play, I will initiate one of two options for other players on field: kneel in place or retreat to team bench to regroup/take a water break.**
- **I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.**
- **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 demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.**
- **I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.**
- **I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.**
- **I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.**
- **I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.**
- **Parents/spectators are not permitted on coach/player sideline or endline during games. They must remain on parent sideline or face removal from fields.**

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- **Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or member of league organization**
- **Written warning**
- **Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident**
- **Parental season suspension**

**\*These steps can be taken in any order by the YMCA Sports Director and Sports Staff.**