



SYSA Code of Conduct

SYSA sports program participants are expected to follow the Code of Conduct below. We believe following these ethical and moral guidelines will help promote SYSA's mission in all of our programs. This Code of Conduct policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state or federal laws governing behavior. The Code of Conduct applies to all staff, volunteers, members and participants.

"The mission of Spokane Youth Sports Association is to provide sports activities for all youth where everyone plays, develops skills, is taught good sportsmanship, and learns the value of being a team player."

Player Responsibilities

I hereby pledge to be positive about my SYSA experience and accept responsibility by following this Players' Code of Conduct

- I will promote good sportsmanship, at every game and for both teams, by showing good sportsmanship.
- I will go to every practice and game that I can and will tell my coach in advance if I cannot.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches and teammates.
- I will treat all coaches, players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of their race, sex, creed, or abilities.
- I will remember that winning can be fun but it can't be the most important thing.
- If it is important to me, I will ask my parents to help with my team in some way.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

• I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in SYSA by following this Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct:

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every practice, game or event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all children, on either team, ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will not coach my child during practices and games (unless I am the Volunteer Coach).
- I will promote a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use and influence at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth, not myself or other adults.
- I will be responsible for my behavior and emotions, as well as the behavior of my child, my family and those who attend the games/practices as my guest.
- I will do my best to make SYSA sports fun for players, parents, coaches, and officials.
- I will expect my child to treat all players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability and I will expect no less from myself.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront the referees, assistant referees or coaches at the game field.
- I will do what I can to help Spokane Youth Sports implement and enforce these standards.
- I understand the SYSA prohibits bullying, harassment and hazing at any SYSA event.
- I understand and agree that, in the event of any improper parent conduct at any game, practice or event, I will be asked to leave the sport facility immediately. A violation may also result in a probationary period, suspension, expulsion, the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, and/or any additional actions the Board of Directors deems necessary after conducting a hearing.

Soccer Program

- I understand that the SYSA soccer program is a member of the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS). WYS publishes its own Code of Conduct policy at www.Washingtonyouthsoccer.org.
- I agree to abide by the Inland Empire Soccer Referee Association's (IESRA) Policy to Address Irresponsible Behavior at Soccer Matches. This policy was implemented to help prevent physical and verbal abuse against referees and assistant referees within the soccer community, and applies to all coaches, players, parents and spectators. A copy of the IESRA's policy can be downloaded at www.spokaneref.org/resources. I may report my feedback or concern for an official at www.spokaneref.org/evaluation as I realize that officials are also learning the game and may benefit from additional training.

By clicking "accept" below, my family, guests and I agree to uphold and abide by this Code of Conduct