

Youth Sports Player Code of Conduct

The City of Santa Fe Springs Youth Sports Program strives to provide a positive youth sport experience by encouraging parents, coaches, officials, and other league players to demonstrate good sportsmanship at practices and games.

1. Players will demonstrate good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to teammates, opponents, coaches, parents, and other players.
2. Players will not engage in or encourage any unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing/taunting or using profane language or gestures.
3. Players will treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
4. Players will resolve conflicts in a sportsmanlike manner. Players will never hit, push, shove, trip, or try to physically harm another individual.
5. Players will do their very best to listen, learn, and give their all during practices and games. Players will not disrupt practices or distract their teammates and will tell their coach or parent if they stop having fun.
6. Players will follow the rules of the game and respect the decisions of officials and coaches.
7. Players understand that they are part of a team and will attend every practice and game that they are able to, because Together Everyone Achieves More.

Consequences for Unsportsmanlike Conduct

We want all children to have the opportunity to learn, grow, and have a positive experience. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as hitting or taunting, do not have a place in youth sports. Therefore, the following steps are typically followed in the event of unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate behavior. However, serious violations may result in the child being suspended or removed from the program on the first occurrence.

1. **WARNING:** The child will be given a verbal warning by his or her coach.
2. **TIME OUT:** The child will be asked to sit out of the drill or activity for a period of 5-15 minutes. The coach will speak with the child and parent after the practice or game. An "Oops Report" will be given to the parent documenting the behavior. Parents will be asked to speak with their child at home about good sportsmanship.

If the behavior continues at the next activity or a pattern of disruptive/inappropriate behavior is noted (3 or more behavior-related Oops Reports), the League Director may implement the following consequences:

3. **PARENT/DIRECTOR MEETING:** The child, his or her parents, and the League Director will meet to discuss the child's behavior and establish a plan to ensure the environment remains enjoyable for all.
4. **SUSPENSION:** The child will be suspended from practices or games for a pre-determined amount of practices/games.
5. **REMOVAL:** If the behavior is not remedied after suspension, additional suspensions may be issued, or the child may be asked not to return for the remainder of the season.