

## **POWDERSVILLE LEAGUE OF ATHLETIC YOUTH\***

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT:**

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents and adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the playing field.

- Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- Support your coach and refrain from excessive “sideline coaching” from the stands.
- Refrain from using profanity.
- Abide by a doctor’s decision in all matters of players health and injuries and physical ability to play.
- Accept the decisions of officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials. Parents must stay off the field and remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
- Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, fans, coaches or team by words or gestures.
- Support the coaches, players and officials and help teach the value of commitment to the teams, sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from future games and league sponsored activities.
- Parents will not encourage their child or any other person to engage in unsportsmanship conduct with any coach, parent, player, participants, officials or any other attendee.
- Parents will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- Parents will place the emotional and physical well-being of their child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Parents will insist that their child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Parents will support coaches and officials working with their child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Parents will demand a sports environment for their child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Parents will do their very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- Parents will ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- **Parents are responsible for all guests’ behavior and expected to enforce this code of conduct with their guests attending practices, games, or team functions.**
- Parents hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for their child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge. **I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.**

**Complete below and return this page to your coach or a league representative.**

Any parent or legal guardian of a child registered with any PLAY team, who is current on all registration fees with all equipment returned, if applicable, shall be a non-voting member. PLAY only accepts members who support the League, the By-Laws, and the affiliated athletic league Rules, this code of conduct and that want to generally enhance the good name of our organization, throughout the community and with our sponsors. Membership is not considered a right as it is a privilege. Consequently, anyone explicitly violating this code of conduct or using electronic, written, or verbal means to diminish the good name of the PLAY in any manner will no longer be considered eligible for membership. If parents/guardian of a player becomes ineligible as a member then so will their registered children, unless the Board of Directors determines some mitigating circumstances and the board determines it will allow the player to remain.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

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