

Mary of Nazareth HSA Sports Committee Parent's Code of Conduct

OUR MISSION

It is the goal of Mary of Nazareth HSA Sports Committee to improve the well being of children by providing the student youth and all youth within our sports programs with the opportunity to participate in the sports we offer in an atmosphere of Christian values, fun ,learning and good sportsmanship.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "Six Pillars of Character"

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model(s) for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in the use of profanity or any other offensive language
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or any other attendee such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; using profane language, gestures or physical threats or abuse.
8. I will not engage in or encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of any player, coach, official, or other attendee.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
11. I will teach my child that doing his/her best by participating within the rules is more important than winning.
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will emphasize skill development and practices over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in lower age groups (K-5).
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child or his/her team to win.
16. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game filed, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I will refrain from their use and I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a MoN sports event while under their influence.
18. 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 also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rule and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official head coaches, and/or head of league organization.
- Written warning from the MoN Sports Committee
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident(s) kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____