

Players Code of Conduct:

- a. Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- b. Attend every practice and game or notify coach if unable to attend.
- c. Expect to receive minimum amount of playing time.
- d. Actively listen and learn from coaches.
- e. Treat coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and expect to be treated accordingly.
- f. Remember to always have fun and alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- g. Encourage parents to be involved in the program in some capacity.
- h. Understand that not maintaining grades can lead to suspension from the program
- i. Attend the minimum amount of Academic Evening session or forfeit the ability to play in the League tournament.
- j. Remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Corrective Action Policy

Players who fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or do not live up to their responsibilities or expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. GYSA has instituted a Corrective Action Policy to establish appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

The Corrective Action Policy is a guide to assist coaches and GYSA run a quality program. The Corrective Action Policy is a 4-step system designed to forgive a mistake but to firmly address chronic misbehavior.

For violations of the Code of Conduct or Expectations, these steps will be followed:

Step 1 – Verbal Warning. Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with player and parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated.

Step 2 – Period Suspension. Coach will bench the offending player for one period during a game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform the League Representative of the problem and why the child is sitting out one game period.

Step 3 – Game Suspension. Coach will bench the offending player for 1 entire game when he/she should be playing. Coach will inform League Representative of the 3rd offense, at which time the player and the parent(s) must attend a meeting with the Coach and the League Representative before the player can resume playing. The player will be warned that the next offense will result in his/her expulsion from the league.

Step 4 – Season Dismissal. The participant on the 4th offense will be expelled from the league for the remainder of the season and no refund will be given. The child and parent(s) will then have to meet with the Program Director prior to the start of the next season to determine if the child can play within the guidelines of this program.

*These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against participant.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct:

Each parent and spectator will ensure that his/her conduct is that of a responsible adult or youth who are positively encouraging all participants to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, each parent and spectator are expected to:

- a. Respect the rules of the game.
- b. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- c. Cheer for team in a positive, supportive manner.
- d. Place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- e. Maintain control of emotions, avoid the use of abusive language, profanity, and gestures of ill temper, and refrain at all times from making hostile or negative remarks.
- f. Respect all GYSA staff.
- g. Follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- h. Leave school grounds in a timely fashion after the conclusion of a game.
- i. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. Do not interact in a negative fashion with fans, players or coaches of the opposing team or game officials.
- j. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy, and citizenship of its fans.
- k. Be timely when picking up your child from practice and/or games – be sure to fill out "Pick-Up" form distributed by Coach on the first day of practice.