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# *Charlestown Recreation Player & Parents' Code of Ethics*

**Parents** have a responsibility to provide the best possible experience for their children participating in youth sports programs. Adherence to this Pledge is required for every parent.

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.**

- I will encourage respect and good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and other family members at every game, practice or other sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will make sure my son/daughter attends every practice and game possible and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all children, parents and sports officials.
- I will demand an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating respect and sportsmanship.
- I will require that my child's coach, other officials and friends, parents and family members act responsibly when involved with youth sports.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport, so that I can help teach these rules to my children.
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### Player

Coaches and parents have a responsibility to provide the best possible experience for the youth sports programs. However, the players also have certain responsibilities related to their participation. Each player and their parents should read the players' Code of Ethics.

### **I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Player's Code of Ethics Pledge.**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Player ( Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

This Players' Code of Ethics is recommended by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and has been adopted by the Charlestown Recreation Committee for all youth sports programs.