

Athletic Code of Conduct

Bethlehem Township School District

Interscholastic youth sports programs play an important role in promoting physical, social, and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct **toward any coach, player parent, participant, official or any other attendee:**

- I will not engage in nor encourage unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not engage in nor encourage any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of others.
- I will not use nor permit my child to use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach officiate or participate in youth sports while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will not engage in nor encourage my child or any other person in the use of profanity.
- I will treat and encourage my child to treat others with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
- I will not engage in nor encourage others to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse.
- I will not initiate a fight or scuffle .

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action issued by the BTSD including but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension or immediate ejection
- Suspension from multiple sports events
- Season suspension

Signed: _____
(Circle one: coach, player, parent, other)

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