SYSA Code of Conduct

SYSA sports program participants are expected to follow the Code of Conduct below. Following these ethical and moral guidelines will help promote SYSA's mission in our programs. This Code of Conduct policy is intended to supplement but not replace applicable state or federal laws governing behavior. It applies to all staff, volunteers, members, and participants.

> "The mission of Spokane Youth Sports Association is to provide sports activities for all youth where everyone plays, develops skills, is taught good sportsmanship, and learns the value of being a team player."

SYSA is committed to providing local, low-cost competition and developmentally appropriate training while promoting sport and physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle for youth athletes. Our goal is to help young athletes develop a positive and lasting relationship with exercise, emphasizing quality play, recreation, and overall well-being. Above all, we encourage parents and coaches to prioritize the person over the athlete, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all participants.

Player Responsibilities

I hereby pledge to be positive about my SYSA experience and accept responsibility by following this Players' Code of Conduct

- I will promote good sportsmanship, at every game and for both teams, by showing good sportsmanship.
- I will go to every practice and game and tell my coach in advance if I cannot.
- I will listen and learn from my coaches and teammates.
- I will treat all coaches, players, officials, and fans with respect, regardless of their race, gender, creed, or abilities.
- I will remember that winning can be fun but it can't be the most important thing.
- If it is important to me, I will ask my parents to help with my team.
  I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Parent/Guardian/Coach Responsibilities

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in SYSA by following this Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every practice, game, or event.
- I will prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of all children on either team over my desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will not coach my child during practices and games (unless I am the Volunteer Coach).
- I will promote a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use and influence at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth, not myself or other adults.
- I will be responsible for my behavior and emotions, as well as the behavior of my child, my family, and those who attend the games/practices as my guests.
- I will do my best to make SYSA sports fun for players, parents, coaches, and officials.
- I will expect my child to treat all players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of their race, gender, creed, or abilities and I will expect no less from myself.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront the referees, assistant referees, or coaches on the game field.
- I will do what I can to help Spokane Youth Sports implement and enforce these standards.
- I understand the SYSA prohibits bullying, harassment, and hazing at any SYSA event.
- I understand and agree that, in the event of any improper parent conduct at any game, practice or event, I will be asked to leave the sports facility immediately. A violation may also result in a probationary period, suspension, expulsion, the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, and/or any additional actions the Board of Directors deems necessary after conducting a hearing.

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- I will use social media, text messages, and other electronic communication responsibly and will not post or share comments, photos, videos, or messages that embarrass, bully, threaten, or harass others involved in SYSA programs. I understand that my conduct both in person and online reflects on myself and my child's team.

Soccer Program

- I understand that the SYSA soccer program is a member of the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS). WYS publishes its own Code of Conduct policy at www.Washingtonyouthsoccer.org .
- I agree to abide by the Inland Empire Soccer Referee Association's (IESRA) Policy to Address Irresponsible Behavior at Soccer Matches. This policy was implemented to help prevent physical and verbal abuse against referees and assistant referees within the soccer community and applies to all coaches, players, parents, and spectators. A copy of the IESRA's policy can be downloaded at www.spokaneref.org/resources. I may report my feedback or concern to an official at www.spokaneref.org/evaluation as I realize that officials are also learning the game and may benefit from additional training.

By clicking "accept" below, my family, guests, and I agree to uphold and abide by this Code of Conduct