## CODES OF CONDUCT

# Pursuing Victory With Honor Codes of Conduct

On the next few pages are condensed Codes of Conduct "Quick Guides" to post and distribute before games. They are for coaches, players, parents, referees and fans to read and keep. They serve as quick reminders of the key points of sportsmanship. Whether you're a parent, a player, a coach, an official or a fan, you have a handy reference to remind you what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate behavior, and what should be the ultimate goal of athletic competition.

The "Quick Guides" are followed by the lengthier Codes of Conduct for all participants to read and sign.



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# Player's Code

- Play by the rules and Pursue Victory With Honor.
- Remember, the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good.
- Don't play just to please your parents or teacher-coach.
- Win and lose graciously.
- Treat all other athletes as you would like to be treated.
- Cheer good plays by either team.
- Play the game with your best effort.
- Don't be a showoff or a me-first player. Work as hard for your team as you do for yourself.
- Cooperate with your teacher-coaches, teammates, opponents and the officials.
- Don't argue with officials or complain about calls.
- Control your temper. Never retaliate when you feel wronged.



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#### Official's Code

- Remember, the game is for the players. Safety and fair play come first.
- Encourage and enforce good sportsmanship.
- Foster sportsmanship with a kind word to players, teacher-coaches and parents when appropriate.
- Always be fair and impartial, and avoid conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias poison the game and are unacceptable.
- Keep calm when facing emotional outbursts from players, teachercoaches and parents.
- Learn all the rules of the game and understand their spirit. Help fellow referees do the same.
- Respect other referees and their decisions, and do not publicly criticize another official.
- Wear the proper uniform and keep it in good condition.
- Honor accepted game assignments. In an emergency, find a replacement.
- Stay in good physical condition so you can keep up with the action.

