



# Gilmanton Youth Association

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## Parents' Code of Ethics

**Though your child is under the supervisory guidance of great coaches during practices and games, the most important people in their life are still you, the parents. We'd like to pass on a few tips, which will make our program more enjoyable for everyone involved.**

- Please place the emotional and physical well being of your child ahead of any desire to win.
- Just as you earned your child's respect through your personal discipline and sense of responsibility at home, please teach your child to respect the officials of the game and his or her teammates. This can best be done by refraining from openly criticizing the decisions of the officials and accepting their calls as part of the give and take in life. A child soon loses admiration for a coach or official if his/her parents feel they discriminate against him/her.
- Remember the coaches are volunteers and the officials are doing their best. They donate/share significant amounts of time so your child can develop and play. Please treat them with respect even when you don't agree.
- Applaud good effort by all players and let the coach point out the mistakes.
- Come to games with your child and encourage him or her and their teammates. It means a lot to a child when mom and dad are "out there" watching.
- Since you do not condone loud or abusive language and gestures at home, do not tolerate such things during a game. Remember, a child imitates, sometimes without thinking. If you tolerate abusive language toward officials, you may as well mold a child who abuses others later.
- Never tolerate or laugh at an unintentional bad play. If you do, you disrupt the discipline our coaches try to instill in the players.
- Please remember that a game is a form of recreation and play and not a life and death struggle. Keep a reign on your emotions regardless of who wins and loses.
- If you must criticize a player while on the field, do it softly. Would you like to hear disparaging remarks about your child while you sit in the stands?
- If you have a concern in regard to a practice or game related incident, please honor the "24 Hour Rule" before contacting the coach or official.
- Please notify any member of the GYO Board of any issues or incidents that you witness or are made aware of within 24 hours.
- Your vote of confidence in the character and abilities of our coaches, even if you know more about running the team than our volunteers do, is also a vote of confidence in your child.

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- Provide transportation to and from all practices and games ensuring that the player is prompt not only in arriving but in his/her departure.
- Provide parental/guardian supervision during all practices and games ensuring that your child will have the appropriate adult present if your child should need to leave the event for a medical emergency.
- ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE A CHILD.

*Note: Failure to abide by this Code of Ethics will result in a hearing with GYO which could lead to disciplinary action up to and including the non-refundable termination of the family from participating in GYO activities. It will be at the GYO Board's full discretion as to the appropriate action to be taken based upon the infraction. Generally, the first infraction will result in a verbal warning, the second will induce a written citation, the third will require a 2 week probation of the entire family from GYO activities and the final will result in the non-refundable removal of the family from any GYO activities.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing this document, I represent my entire family and their behavior. I will communicate these rules to all members of my family and accept that their actions will directly impact my family's ability to participate in GYO activities as stated above.