

Gentry Youth Organization

Player Expectations & Code of Conduct

Following the player expectations ensures that all players have a positive experience in our youth sports programs.

Practices:

- Be on time with all required equipment and ready to practice.
- Attend a majority of practices. If unable to attend a practice, a player's guardian must contact the coach to inform the coach of the absence ahead of time.
- Be attentive to the coach and give it your all during practice.
- Be respectful to coaches, teammates and parents of other players. This includes no cursing, hitting, demeaning others or walking off during the practice.

Games:

- Be on time with all required equipment and ready to play.
- Attend all games. If unable to attend a game, a player's guardian must contact the coach to inform the coach of the absence ahead of time.
- Follow the coaches' directions during the game including warm up and after the game communication time with the coach.
- Be respectful to coaches, teammates and the other team's players and fans. This includes no cursing, hitting, demeaning others or walking off during the game.

In the Community:

If a player is at a GYO event or is wearing a GYO jersey at a community sporting event then GYO expects that the player represents our GYO community well.

- The GYO participant should not curse or be disrespectful to community members.
- The GYO participant should not engage in disrespectful behavior towards opposing teams and fans of opposing teams.
- The GYO participant should not engage in disrespectful behavior towards referees officiating the sporting event.

GYO understands that many of our expectations of our players are dependent on the parent or guardian following these guidelines as well. We expect that **parents, guardians, family members and/or family friends** in attendance of games and/or practices to follow these same guidelines in order for the players and teams to be successful and have a positive experience in youth sports.

The result of not abiding by the player expectations could result in the loss of the right to participate in GYO activities.

It is our goal as an organization to provide an environment where kids can have a positive experience while learning the basics of the sport and having fun.

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Coach Expectations & Code of Conduct

Following the coach expectations ensures that all players have a positive experience in our youth sports programs.

In General:

- Coaches will maintain good communication with parents and players. Set up a communication platform like “Group Me”, Facebook Groups or group text messaging.
- Coaches will hold a parent meeting “prior to” or “the day of” the first practice.
- Coaches will promote good sportsmanship and lead by example.
- Coaches will hold players accountable who do not abide by the “GYO Player Expectations” or display good sportsmanship, attendance in games, and practice sessions.
- Coaches will work toward not only the development of their team, but the individual development of each player.

Practices:

- Communicate often with parents about practice times and games time with as much notice as possible.
- Be on time to practice and be prepared for practice.
- Coaches should have all players engaged during practice.
- Coaches shall be responsible for the behavior of the players from the beginning to the end of practice.

Games:

- Communicate often with parents about games time with as much notice as possible.
- Be on time to the game and prepared for the game.
- Coaches will promote good sportsmanship and lead by example.

In the Community:

If a coach is at a GYO event or is wearing a GYO coach shirt at a community sporting event then GYO expects that the coach to represent our GYO community well.

- The GYO coach should not curse or be disrespectful to community members.
- The GYO coach should not engage in disrespectful behavior towards opposing teams and fans of opposing teams.
- The GYO coach should not engage in disrespectful behavior towards referees officiating the sporting event.

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