

Chichester Youth Association  
CYA  
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**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHICHESTER COACHES, ATHLETES, AND PARENTS**

The youth of our community should have an opportunity to play sports in a safe, family-friendly environment, conducive to building good sportsmanship, respect for others and encouraging the development of self-esteem. In an attempt to provide this opportunity to our youth, the Chichester Youth Association has adopted a Code of Conduct which will be enforced on our fields during practice and game play, as well as on the playing grounds of our opponents by our home team players and their families or friends.

- I. **Respect for Property:** Whether at practice, at a home or an away game, players for the Chichester Youth Association are representatives of the Town of Chichester, and shall treat all grounds, benches, fences and other structures with respect. Littering of any kind will not be tolerated.
- II. **Use of Obscene or Profane Language or Gestures:** Any player, parent, guest, coach or official at any sports event using obscene or profane language or gestures, or racial, ethnic or sexual slurs will not be tolerated, and may be banned from attending future youth events.
- III. **Fighting:** Initiating, threatening & engaging in fights or scuffles are strictly prohibited.
- IV. **Accident / Incident Reports:** Any necessary first aid beyond a simple bandage requires a report to be filled out within 24 hours and returned to a board member of the CYA. Coaches must fill out and sign an incident report if a child is injured during any CYA activity.
- V. **Respect for Team Obligation:** Any lateness or absence from practice or games has a negative affect on the team. While it is understood that circumstances sometimes arise, Coaches must be notified of any anticipated lateness or absence.
- VI. **Return of Uniforms:** Uniforms, unless otherwise stated, are property of the CYA and must be returned at the end of the season in a timely manner. A replacement fee may be charged for returnable items not returned.
- VII. **HAVE FUN:** Most importantly, the time our children spend playing and learning sports on our fields and within our organization should be fun and safe. Interaction between players, parents and coaching staff should be of a positive nature, without the pressure or expectations to perform beyond their abilities as learning children. Adherence to the above policies will help to ensure that our children are receiving beneficial experiences that will be with them for a lifetime.

As a parent/guardian of the above named player, I give approval for my child to participate in any and all Chichester Youth League activities. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation and waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Chichester Youth Association (CYA) and the organizers, sponsors, officers, directors, coaches, participants, Town of Chichester, School system and person transporting my child to and from activities from any claim arising out of injury to my child, whether the result of negligence or any other cause, except to the extent of and the amount of the Association or League Insurance. I understand that transportation to and from league games, practices, and function is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. I also agree to hold my child, myself, and my guest accountable to the code of conduct.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_