

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

The East Catholic Youth Foundation seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our communities' youth by demonstrating good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We encourage parents/guardians, and their guests attending an East Catholic Youth Foundation sponsored events to reflect these same character traits.

*I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my youth, and/or other youth participating in the East Catholic Youth Foundation athletics program by following the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Policy, **I will:***

- Remember that the game is for the youth—not adults.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at all games, practices and other athletic events.
- Encourage my youth to maintain at least a “C or 2.0” or higher grade point average.
- Support my youth athlete by getting them to practice on time, and by volunteering as needed for one of positions as outlined below:
  1. Home Field Set Up and Tear down.
  2. Program Book Coordinator.
  3. Collection of Gate Admission Fees as applicable.
  4. Assisting with Concessions.
  5. Organization of the End of Year Banquet.
  6. Serving on the East Catholic Youth Foundation as a Board Member.
- Not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or attendee. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but are not limited to taunting, using profane language or gestures, engaging in verbal or physical threats or abuse, or initiating fights or scuffles.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practices, unless I am an official volunteer coach of that team.
- Support an environment for my youth that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth athletic events.

- Ask my youth to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will follow the East Catholic Youth Foundation, (“ECYF”) Social Media Policy. ECYF Understands the importance of the Internet in shaping the public’s perception of our organization. ECYF also recognizes the importance of the executive board members, trustee’s, coaches, parents, youth and volunteers in leading and setting the tone of social media interactions in a manner that advances ECYF’s mission and goals. Do not post content that would harm ECYF or damage ECYF’s reputation. Remember that even while you are on your own personal time, you are a representative of ECYF, and people may interpret your online postings or social interactions as though they were official ECYF statements. The failure to adhere to this policy shall be considered in violation of the ECYF Code of Conduct, and shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of involvement with the ECYF.
- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Require that my youth’s coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth athletic coach, and that my youth’s coach upholds the Volunteer Coaches’ Code of Conduct Policy.

I agree, that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while at an East Catholic Youth Foundation event, I will be subject to action, including but not limited to the following in any order of combination based on the seriousness of the violation:

- Verbal Warning issued by the East Catholic Youth Foundation Board.
- Written warning issued by the East Catholic Youth Foundation Board.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from athletic event issued by the East Catholic Youth Foundation Board.
- Season suspension issued by the East Catholic Youth Foundation Board.

Signed: by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Executive Board Commissioner)