

Bloom Carroll Youth Athletics

BCYA

Code of Conduct

All participants in BCYA programs must abide by the Code of Conduct for this organization. The Code of Conduct applies not only to participants, but also to any volunteer acting on behalf of BCYA, and parents attending BCYA events.

The following list is meant as a guideline for general conduct, and does not attempt to be all-inclusive of every conduct violation. The BCYA Board reserves the right to assess penalties and/or suspensions for actions that are not listed, but are considered by a consensus to be in violation of proper conduct.

The following conduct **is not tolerated** when participating in BCYA activities:

- Foul language or obscene gestures.
- Mental abuse – includes yelling at, threatening, or making insulting or negative remarks (directly or indirectly) toward another player, coach, official, or spectator.
- Physical abuse – includes pushing, fighting, or obsessive contact.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, or any non-prescription drug.
- Intentionally damaging any equipment or property.

The following conduct **is expected** when participating in BCYA activities:

- Wear proper apparel or uniform to all practices and games.
- Talk to coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, and address them by their appropriate title.
- Display sportsmanlike conduct at all times – before, during, and after games.

Coaches and **Volunteers** for BCYA are role models for the youth that participate in our activities. Therefore, we expect an even higher level of conduct from them. Not only should they be modeling the code of conduct for participants, but should also be teaching the code to the participants. Violation of the code of conduct, or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, may result in disciplinary action by the BCYA Board, up to and including removal from the coaching or volunteer position.

Parents and **Spectators** must also abide by the code of conduct when attending BCYA activities. Violations of the code of conduct can result in the parent or spectator being removed from the activity, and/or suspended from attending future activities, subject to the penalties listed below.

The **BCYA Board** will review each violation and take the action that is warranted in its discretion. The following minimum penalties constitute a general guideline, **but the Board reserves the right to modify the penalties listed above, depending on the violation and the situation in which the violation occurred:**

- Warning – The 1st violation of any of the Code of Conduct listed above, except making threatening remarks or physical abuse, which automatically results in a stiffer penalty.
- One week suspension – The 2nd violation of any of the Code of Conduct listed above.
- Season suspension – Making a threat of a physical nature toward another player, coach, official, or spectator.
- One year suspension – Any form of physical abuse listed in the Code of Conduct violations.
- Permanent suspension from BCYA – Repeat physical abuse.

The **Commissioner** of each sport is responsible for reporting all violations of the Code of Conduct to the BCYA Board. The Code of Conduct Incident Report Form will be used to document violations.

The Commissioner is also authorized to take immediate action and assess penalties at the time of the conduct violation, based on his/her judgment of the situation. The penalties can range from a warning to ejection from the BCYA event. Suspensions cannot be assessed by the Commissioner, and can only be assessed by the BCYA Board, after review of the violation.

I have read the BCYA Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct whenever I am participating, volunteering, or attending any BCYA activity or event.

Participant's Name (printed) _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature (if person above is under 18) _____ Date _____