





# COWART FAMILY ASHFORD DUNWOODY YMCA

## Youth Sports

### PARENT'S CODE OF ETHICS

The YMCA strives to help children and families develop a healthy mind, body and spirit. We believe that athletics can have a tremendous positive influence on children and therefore it has a place at the YMCA. We provide an environment that emphasizes the love of sport and promotes the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The following "Code of Ethics" is offered as a guide to insure the promotion of good sportsmanship and conduct among the **PARENTS** of the Cowart Family/Ashford Dunwoody YMCA.

A parent should:

1. Conduct himself/herself in a manner that earns the respect and confidence of the players, coaches, officials and YMCA Professional Staff.
2. Ensure the rights and welfare of all the children with whom he/she comes in contact with.
3. Always practice good sportsmanship congratulating opponents win or lose.
4. Be a goodwill ambassador between the team, other parents and the YMCA.
5. Be aware of the social responsibility and influence he/she has on the lives of the children acting as a role model for them to emulate.
6. Encourage the moral, spiritual, physical and intellectual life of the athletes.
7. Support such virtues as hard work, tenacity and good sportsmanship with the players.
8. Treat every child fairly, justly, impartially, and with sensitivity.
9. Respect and support the rights and efforts of team coaches; understanding that coaching decisions are made in the best interest of the children and the team and therefore should be supported and accepted.
10. Always give coaches the first opportunity to address any issues or discontent without engaging in inappropriate conversations or tactics with other parents.
11. Always keep the child's best interest at heart as a priority and not exert undo pressure to promote his/her own personal goals and desires.
12. Maintain a balanced perspective on the purpose and values YMCA sports tries to promote, not who has the best win/lose record or a win at any cost attitude.
13. Never use alcohol or other recreational drugs in the direct presence of athletes nor be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when involved with athletic events, parent conferences or planning meetings.
14. Always keep behavior under control at practices and during games, never resorting to yelling, intimidation, threats or abuse of any kind against any other parent, participant, coach, official or member of the YMCA staff.
15. Understand that competitive philosophies among organizations differ; therefore accept the philosophy of the YMCA and or bring suggestions for change or improvement to YMCA staff in a constructive manner. Parents should avoid comparisons to non-YMCA programs.
16. Understand that over time their goals and those of the YMCA program may diverge. When this occurs it may be necessary to find another program that may be more appropriate.
17. Understand that failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in termination of membership and participation at all Metro Atlanta YMCAs.

Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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