

HIGH FIVE TO OUR FANS!

Thank YOU for partnering with us to provide the most positive youth sports experience for the kids!

SEE THE BIG PICTURE

- *Playing sports is about learning life lessons and character development.
- *This is a recreational game being played by children. Children have the right to a fun and positive experience. Don't let the desire to win or poor sportsmanship impede on that.
- *Focus more on developing in the sport and less on what the score is and winning.
- *Remember that coaches are volunteers, referees are human, parents/spectators are cheerleaders, and kids are just kids.

HONOR THE GAME

- *Respect **ROOTS**: Rules, Opponents, Officials, Team, Self.
- *Cheer everyone on! Remain encouraging.
- *Grieve in silence whenever something occurs that goes against a child's team. Refrain from shouting insults at the coaches/referees or criticizing their calls. Everyone is trying their best.
- *Refrain from shouting instructions to players (including own child) or coaching from the sidelines as it causes confusion and erroneous play. Coach has instructed the kids on how to play and should be the only one doing so. Interested in coaching? Youth Sports welcomes new volunteers prior to the start of each season.
- *Be a positive role model for both children and adults. Help censor inappropriate behaviors of others as it reflects poorly and can be hurtful. No swearing, bullying, taunting, making fun of, being rude to, harassing, noise makers or sound amplification, or applauding errors/penalties of anyone. Abstain from other inappropriate behavior or actions deemed obscene, repetitive, flagrant, or severe. If a staff, coach, or spectator asks someone to censure or adjust their behavior, please do so out of respect for the kids. Do not make a scene during their program. Any issues should be resolved at a time when it won't interfere with the kids or their play, when emotions have calmed, away from the kids, and respectfully.

BE SAFE

- *Only Youth Sports staff, players and approved coaches are allowed on the playing field/court and team bench sidelines. Parents and spectators need to remain on the spectator sidelines.
- *Stay behind the five foot dashed safety line during games.
- *Find one comfortable place to relax and enjoy the game on the spectator sidelines. Do not run up and down the sidelines or sit next to or behind the goals/hoops/nets.
- *Everyone is responsible for cleaning their area and throwing away trash before they leave.
- *All children must be directly supervised by their parents at all times. This includes not allowing kids to climb tables, fences or trees; play with the faucets, water jugs or drinking fountains; play on the large soccer nets; and play on fields/courts other than those permitted to City of Mesa Youth Sports.
- *Appropriate shoes and attire must be worn at all times.
- *Tobacco, vapors, e-cigarettes, drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited at all Youth Sports programs and sites.

Please refer to the Youth Sports handbooks and policies for further details. Failure to comply with policies and any unsportsmanlike behavior may result in penalties for a person/team and a person's removal from the facility/program.

Spectator Code of Conduct (Updated June 2016)