# Clinton County Youth Bureau

## Athlete & Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

One of the Clinton County Youth Bureau's most important objectives is that the youth participating in our programs enjoy themselves. By striving to work more closely with parents, coaches and sports officials, we hope to see our youth enjoy their sports experience even more. We are confident that by better acquainting yourselves with the expectations surrounding these "instructional" programs you will more fully enjoy your role as a supporter of your child's youth sports experience. THANK YOU for your cooperation in this endeavor!

1. I will remember that the goals of the program are to have fun, improve skills, and feel good about oneself.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
4. I will maintain my composure in both victory and defeat. Furthermore, I will not criticize the officials' calls.
5. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
6. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee with respect.
7. I will trust that the officials and coaches will handle anything that takes place during a game. I will not enter the area of play unless directly asked to by an official or coach.
8. I will not harass, disrespect or cause a disturbance against a player, official, coach or fan.
9. I will model inclusive behavior and expect all participants to respect each other regardless of race, gender, or ability. Furthermore, I will not participate in or allow others to harass, yell at, or ridicule a participant or sports official for making a mistake.

10. I will not, nor will I encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.

11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or other attendee. I will discourage my child, or any other person from said actions/behaviors.

12. I will not, initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.

13. I will refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, and foul language at any County sporting event.

14. I will make sure my child understands and adheres to the rules listed above.

15. I will make sure any guests that accompany myself to any County sporting event will adhere to the rules listed above.

16. I will remember that I am a spectator, and that the game is for the CHILDREN and NOT the ADULTS. **"To play the game is great; to have fun playing is greater!"**

I also agree that if I or my child fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, my child and I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Game suspension (Youth and/or Parent)
- Season suspension (Youth, Parent and/or Municipality)
- Legal ramifications

By signing below, the Parent/Guardian agrees to abide by and be subject to this Code of Conduct. Additionally, by signing below the Parent/Guardian accepts responsibility for the actions of their child and understands that their child is also subject to the Code of Conduct.

**Failure to sign the Athlete & Parent Code of Conduct will result in the child not being allowed to play in the County Sports Leage.**

Name of Child (Print) _____

Sign _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)_____

Sign _____ Date _____

Town _____

Team Name and Division_____