

# Minot Family YMCA Parent Conduct Policy

The goal of the Minot YMCA is to provide an enjoyable, exciting and satisfying recreational experience for as many of the children in our community as possible.

Our rules are written to encourage participation and enjoyment by all. Developmental sports are to provide "successful" experiences through fundamental skill development vs. a "winning" only, singular philosophy. Skill development ultimately provides the tools for a more competitive winning focus or experience.

**To parents of participants, we direct you to refrain from criticizing or exhibiting frustrations toward opposing coaches, players, fans, and officials IN ANY WAY. This distraction will only have a negative impact on your child's, as well as other children's overall experience. However, we urge you to discuss any concerns you may have regarding the activity with the coach or league supervisor before or after the event in a courteous and respectful manner. Let's work together to provide a positive experience for each and every player.**

We hope that you will measure "success" not in terms of winning or losing, but in the real enjoyment of playing an exciting sport and having a great time!

Parents are encouraged to listen in and reinforce the skills being taught.

Please avoid instruction or advice that is contradictory to what the coaches are teaching.

Please do not talk with your child during practice or games. It is disruptive to everyone involved. If you need to contact your child during one of these times, please contact a coach first.

We would like to see each team have a "Team Manager". This person could help the coaching staff with the day-to-day operations during the season. Such things as managing the yard sticks, car pools, and so on, are all time-consuming details that take away from the primary focus of the coaches.

**Parents with concerns or problems should first direct them to the Head Coach and his staff. If you are unable to resolve the issue at this level, please contact your YMCA Youth Director.**

To this end we would like to solicit your support by pledging to be a supportive, positive image in and around all Minot Family YMCA youth sporting events. Below is the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge. Please read the material below and abide by it principals to help your child's participation in Minot Family YMCA sports programs be a safe and enjoyable one.

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I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.