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## Old Saratoga Athletic Association Athletic Code of Conduct

The following athletic code of conduct is publicized in accordance with the provisions of the Old Saratoga Athletic Association (OSAA) by-laws. This Code of Conduct must be signed, or electronically accepted, by every coach and parent/guardian of a child participating in any sport offered by the Old Saratoga Athletic Association. The signature or electronic acceptance of a parent/guardian will constitute their agreement that this Code of Conduct will apply to any of their children that are participating in any sport offered by the Old Saratoga Athletic Association.

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not disrupt the game, or be disrespectful toward any coach or official during or after the game.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
6. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
7. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
8. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
9. I will ensure that the conduct of any of my guests will conform to the above Code of Conduct

Furthermore, I agree that in the event that my conduct results in my ejection by an umpire, referee or other official, or in my removal from the field by any other person such as league officials, I will be automatically suspended from attending, coaching, officiating or participating in the following game. I also agree that additional action, including suspension or removal from the position of coach, may result as outlined in the By-Laws of the Old Saratoga Athletic Association.

Player's Name(s) (please print)

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Signature of Parents/Guardians of the player(s) listed above:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach or Volunteer's Name (please print):

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Signature of Coach or Volunteer:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_