

Parent Expectations:

Parents are as important to the success of the team as the players. Coaches and parents must work together. Please keep the coaches informed about problems that may be going on with your child. If the child has been sick, taking medication, or going through some emotional trauma let his/her coach know.

Parents and coaches must communicate with mutual respect. Parents and coaches reserve the right to postpone conversations that are getting out of hand. Heated discussions have no place in front of the players.

Coaches put in on the average of 20 hours a week. Parents are asked to put in only a few hours working the concession, helping at practices, working the chain gang, preparing or coming to ball games. With twenty five players, no four people can keep up with everything.

- ◆ Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours for each player participating in the program.
- ◆ Be certain children are on time for practice and/or notify the coach if they will not be present for a practice or a game.
- ◆ In case of injury, notify your child's coach within 24 hours.
- ◆ Cheer for and encourage your child. Show support for your child and his/her teammates.
- ◆ Ensure your child has appropriate apparel and equipment for practice and games. Follow laundering instructions for the team game shirts that are provided in order to ensure longevity— see laundering instructions page.

Treats for the players: It may seem like a nice gesture to offer the players a special treat; however the following should be considered:

- ◆ Food in general in the midst of a game, especially sweet sugary items may not be in the best interest of the children due to the physical nature of the sport
- ◆ Content of food items may also be an issue for some due to allergies, particularly items containing peanut products
- ◆ If food is provided to the players it is a courtesy to ask the parents of the children if it is okay for the child to partake
- ◆ Healthy items would be in the best interest for all

SFYFB Parents Code of Ethics

- I will provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will support the 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 foul language, drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will instruct my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not adults.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
- I will cheer in a POSITIVE manner.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____