



Marion Boys Baseball Parents Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents Code of Ethics:

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and other sporting events.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect no matter what.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will do my very best to make sure youth sports are fun for my child!!