

**PARENTS' PLEDGE**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS**

Adapted from the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation

1. I will not force my child(ren) to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun, and the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child(ren) or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Youth Commission and the Diocese/Archdiocese.
5. I (and my guests) will be positive Orthodox Christian role models for our children, and I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the participants.
8. I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence and hostility.
9. I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect , regardless of race, creed, color or ability.
- 10.I will teach my child(ren) for that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- 11.I will praise my child(ren) for competing fairly.
- 12.I will never ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or others for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 13.I will emphasize to my child(ren) skill development and practices over winning.
- 14.I will promote spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of the participants ahead of any personal desires I may have for my child(ren) to win.

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