



The MJCCA Respect Program

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Youth Sports Mission:

The MJCCA is committed to offering the best recreational sports programs while inspiring families and children to be active and make healthy lifestyle choices. Our programs emphasize life lessons, core values and leadership qualities through sports.

Young Players – Code of Conduct

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"Inspiring Children through Sports"

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why we are asking every player to follow this 'Respect Code of Conduct'

When I play sports, I will:

- Have Fun and enjoy it!
- Always play to the best of my ability and maintain a positive attitude.
- Recognize that being on a team means a commitment to my coach and teammates.
- Play fair – I will not cheat, complain or waste time.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee and my coach(es).
- Understand, follow and play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- Accept that profanity and violence is not acceptable in any situation.
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me.
- Talk to someone I trust at the MJCCA if I am unhappy about the team, league or program.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the MJCCA:

- Be required to apologize to my team-mates, the other team, referee or coach.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or Sports Director.
- Be dropped (left out) or substituted.
- Be suspended from training/practice.
- Be required to leave the program.

Parents & Supporters – Code of Conduct

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The MJCCA is initiating the FA's Respect program to ensure that sports can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's sports are a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything!

Play your part and please observe the Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort & good play as well as success. Encourage and support their endeavor.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, coaches & referee.
- Always respect the referees' decisions. Do not berate the referee over calls made/not made.
- Remain outside the field of play and within the designated Parent/Fan areas, bleachers etc
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by shouting instructions. No coaching!
- Avoid criticizing players for making a mistake – Mistakes are a part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive behavior or language.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the MJCCA:

- Issued with a verbal warning from the MJCCA.
- Obligated to leave the fields or campus.
- Required to meet with the Sports Director.
- Required not to attend future matches.
- Suspended and have my membership revoked.
- Required to leave the Center along with any dependants.

Coaches – Code of Conduct

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The MJCCA is instituting a Respect program to ensure that sports can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. In a recent survey the biggest concern highlighted among participants was behavior – including abuse towards officials and the behavior of over competitive parents & coaches on the touchline.

Play your part and please observe the Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Recognize that children play sports to have fun. Success should be measured in terms of the child's desire to continue playing the sport (not seasonal victories)
- Show respect for others involved in the game; officials, players, coaches, staff & spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and the spirit of the game.
- Always respect the umpire/referees' decisions.
- Promote Fair Play & high standards of behavior.
- Never enter the field of play without permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of umpires/referees.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive behavior or language.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure all parents understand my expectations.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, bullying in any form.

- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behavior, actions and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organize are appropriate for the players' ability, ages and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with all other coaches, referees and officials.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the MJCCA:

- Required to meet with the Sports Director.
- Monitored by the Director or Commissioner
- Suspended by the Center from attending games.
- Relieved of my position.
- Suspended and have my membership revoked.
- Required to leave the Center along with any dependants.

Match Officials – Code of Conduct

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The MJCCA is initiating a Respect program to ensure that sports can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. The behavior of match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the field and on the sidelines.

Play your part and please observe the Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

I will:

- Be honest & completely impartial at all times.
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behavior, foul play and other misconduct.
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior from players and officials.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior and showing respect for everyone involved in the game.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair Play.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by team captains or coaches.
- Prepare physically & mentally for every game.
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports/scores within the time limits required for the games which I officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the MJCCA:

- Required to meet with the Sports Director.
- Monitored by the Director or Referee Coordinator
- Suspended by the Center from officiating matches.
- Relieved of my position.