

# Oxford Youth Association

*Dear Athlete, Parents and Coaches,*

*There is a new law in New Jersey that allows municipalities to establish sportsmanship and fair play codes of conduct for players, parents, and coaches. In the spirit of this new law, the Oxford Youth Association (OYA) has adopted the same codes of conduct beginning this year.*

*Please read and sign the appropriate form before you begin playing for the OYA.*

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am playing sports because it is healthy and fun. I will always try to help my team be successful. I will come to all games and practices full of enthusiasm, ready to learn, to improve my skills and try my hardest. By registering to play with the OYA, I have made a commitment to attend practices and games and display good sportsmanship. I understand that I cannot expect to receive as much playing time as other players if I do not meet these commitments. I also recognize that every athlete needs playing time and I do not expect to play every minute of every game.

I will show respect and good sportsmanship to the athletes on my team, opposing teams, all coaches, officials and spectators. I will remind my family not to be angry and critical towards players, coaches, officials, and other spectators, and to show respect and good sportsmanship at all times. I will try my best not to sound angry or frustrated when I give advice to my teammates. I understand that the officials, players, and coaches try their best, but they make mistakes just as I do.

During games, I will not address the official for any reason other than to request "time" for a legitimate reason, or to answer an official's question directed to me. I will not argue any call with the official. I will request "time" and if granted, will address any questions about the call to my coach. I understand that only my coach may question a call with the official. Furthermore, I will not yell at, argue, spit, touch, shove, strike, or threaten any coach, player, official, or spectator at anytime before, during or after practices or games. I will not slam, strike, or throw any object or take any other act of aggression if I am upset for any reason. I will not deliberately hurt another player, or behave poorly at any practice or game. I will not use foul language, or make abusive remarks or gestures to players, coaches, officials or spectators at games or practices. Supportive rallying bench cheers are permitted, but I will stop immediately at the request of my coach or official.

I will not have in my possession any tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, knives, guns or other weapons, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during the games or practices. I will also remind members of my family not to use tobacco or alcohol, on or near the practice or game area. I also pledge not to take any dietary supplements not recommended by my physician.

I understand that I can be immediately removed from practices and games, and expelled from the team for the remainder of the season. If my family or I are expelled, the OYA will vote on the future involvement or participation by my family in other OYA functions. If I behave poorly or fail to follow any part of this code of conduct, I will be expelled. I also understand that if my parent(s) and I do not sign this document, I will NOT be allowed to play for the OYA.

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' printed name(s) and signature(s):

Print- \_\_\_\_\_

Sign- \_\_\_\_\_

Print- \_\_\_\_\_

Sign- \_\_\_\_\_