

Ferndale Youth Sports PO BOX 361 Ferndale, WA 98248 info@ferndaleyouthsports.com

# Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

#### As a parent or spectator, I will:

- 1. Support the coaches, players, and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- 2. Support my child's team and help my child and Ferndale Youth Sports (FYS) make athletic contests a positive educational experiences
- 3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or association officials at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
- 4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field/court as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
- 5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
- 6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
- 7. Strive to make every athletic activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
- 8. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
- 9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.

## **Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct**

### As a parent or spectator, I will not:

- 1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
- 2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
- 3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior, this includes social media.
- 4. Undermine, in work or deed, the authority of the coach or FYS.

### **Consequences of Behavior**

- 1. At any Ferndale Youth Sports event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or FYS board member, will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.
- 2. Any adult that commits a second similar offense will be banned from FYS events for the remainder of that season.
- 3. Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, or FYS board member will be banned from FYS for one year from the date of the offense. After one year, the parent may apply for re instatement. If the adult commits a second offense, he or she will be permanently banned from the FYS.
- 4. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

Parent Signature	Date