



TOP 3 TIPS FOR YOUTH SPORTS ADVOCATES

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Sports are part of a lifetime journey

Never let your athletes quit on themselves!

While the thrill of winning and the bonds forged in competition are central to the appeal of sports participation, life's fulfillment extends beyond the field, encompassing new friendships and pursuing life's broader challenges.

Together... here for our youth!

#3 Teach Good Sportsmanship

Keep laughter and respect in their game.

#2: Help Them to Believe In and Like Who They Are

Competition is what they do, it does not define who they are.

#1: Encourage Them to Talk to Those They Trust

If they feel like the deck is stacked against them,
 help them to adopt new rules.

EMERGENCY

In a crisis call "911" immediately

● If considering self-harm, call "988"
 24/7/365 Intervention Lifeline

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To speak to a counselor,
 Call (800) 656-4673
 RAINN

BULLYING/HAZING, VIOLENCE, ADDICTIONS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

For helpful resources,
theBMSproject.org/safety

CHILD ABUSE

To report suspected child abuse,
 Call (800) 422-4453
 National Child Abuse Hotline

It is recommended that incidents of serious misconduct be reported to law enforcement.
 Minors should report incidents of misconduct to their parent(s) or guardian(s).



Mission Statement

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To accomplish our mission, we work with athletes, sports advocates, for profit and nonprofit partners and affiliates to provide for the safety and well-being of athletes. We define “sports advocates” as parents, coaches, mentors, officials, for profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as school counselors.

On the front side of this introduction please note that the provided QR code links to resources that assist locating and vetting therapists and counselors. The Top Three Athlete Tips represent the highest priorities of theBMSproject.org. On the bottom of the front page, we also provide important safety and well-being resources for the use of athletes and other parties associated with sports participation.

ATHLETE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING CALL TO ACTION!

The QR code provided below links to "By-Sport Directories" that further link to resources designed to assist athletes, coaches, parents, mentors, school counselors and officials to create positive, safe competitive experiences.



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