



TOP 3 TIPS FOR ATHLETES

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Together... *here for our youth!*

We love watching the athletes play. If anyone detects suspicious, unusual behavior, please bring it to the attention of those in authority. Event organizers have introduced penalties for teams that engage in an uncivil and/or abusive manner. Penalties may include ejection of team managers and/or the team without refund of entry fees. Individuals that violate their commitments to this pledge may be asked to leave the team. Prepaid team fees will not be refunded.

LET'S KEEP IT POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!

Topics for group team discussion

#3 It Starts with Good Sportsmanship & You

Keep the enjoyment in the game for you, your coaches, parents, fans, opponents and officials

#2 Believe In and Like Who You Really Are

Coaches, parents, fans and officials should also let you know how much they/we really enjoy watching you play

#1 Talk to Those You Trust

We all need to talk to each other-- the game belongs to you, but everyone has a stake in your safety and well-being!

Life is comprised of more than scores on a scoreboard

EMERGENCY

In a crisis call "911" immediately

● If considering self-harm, call "988"

The National Suicide Intervention Lifeline

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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

RAINN

BULLYING/HAZING, VIOLENCE,

ADDICTIONS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SIGNS
For helpful resources,

thebmsproject.org/Safety

CHILD ABUSE

To report suspected child abuse,
Call (800) 422-4453

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

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



EARLY-SEASON TEAM PLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: This pledge represents a commitment to your team, as well as your team making commitments to you. Each coach should pre-initial and pre-sign the pledge, then make copies and distribute two copies (to athlete and the athlete's family). Discuss and have both copies signed at a team meeting. After signing the coach retains one copy and the other copy is given to and remains with the athlete and the athlete's family. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, COACHES, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ATHLETES AND INVITED GUESTS RESPECT OUR OFFICIALS. YOUTH SPORTS ARE SUFFERING A CRISIS IN REGARDS TO RECRUITING AND RETAINING OFFICIALS. LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUTH SPORTS A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.**

BY SIGNING BELOW I/WE AGREE AND COMMIT NOT TO HARASS OR SAY OUT LOUD NEGATIVE COMMENTS DIRECTED TOWARD OFFICIALS; OR IN ANY WAY BEHAVE INAPPROPRIATELY TOWARD OFFICIALS.

NAME OF TEAM: _____ **NAME OF ATHLETE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

We hereby jointly pledge to conduct ourselves in a civil manner and not engage in negative, harmful, abusive behaviors. Together, we agree to strive to contribute to positive, safe experiences for all - including opposing teams participating athletes, coaches, parents and officials.

Signature(s):

Coaches

Athlete

Parent(s) or Guardian