

PYAA Registration Waivers 2025 (1/28/2025 jse)

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

The PYAA is committed to the physical and emotional well-being and safety of all of the children in its program, as well as to its managers, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and parents and fans attending PYAA events including games, practices and any other league sponsored and/or affiliated events.

The PYAA adheres to essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the core principles of: respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the respective sport, themselves, their team, Pickerington, and PYAA.

The PYAA has adopted its Adult Code of Conduct, inclusive of a Zero Tolerance Policy, which must be adhered to at ALL times, both in substance and intent, by all parents (including guardians, spectators, coaches, and officials) without exception as follows:
I agree that:

1. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and develop friendships and that the game is for youth, not adults;
2. I will inform the manager or coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others in a timely manner;
3. I will endeavor to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league of the sport my child is participating in so that I can have a better and more informed perspective concerning my child's participation.
4. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, any PYAA board member, parents and spectators at every game, practice, or other league sponsored and/or affiliated events. This also includes any communication that is had before and after games, to include but not limited to personal conversation, telephone calls, and emails;
5. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators including, but not limited to, physically and/or verbally harassing, taunting, booing and otherwise in any way demeaning or insulting; refusing to shake hands; using profane or crude language and/or gestures; any other inappropriate behavior. This also includes any communication that is had before and after games, to include but not limited to personal conversation, telephone calls, and emails;
6. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not exhibit and/or display any behaviors, language and/or other practices that would, or even potentially could,

- endanger the physical and/or emotional health, well-being and/or safety of any players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators. I understand that profanity, smoking (or any use of tobacco), vaping, alcohol consumption, and drug use is prohibited at the PYAA complex or at any PYAA event.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts in a safe and respectful manner without resorting to hostility or violence. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
 8. I will demand that my child treat other players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, or ability;
 9. I will teach my child that trying and doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance;
 10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time, just for participating;
 11. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will never ridicule, yell at, berate, antagonize and/or otherwise degrade my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition;
 12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning;
 13. I will deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups, and place them in the proper perspective in all other groups;
 14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child and/or his/her team to win;
 15. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will respect the umpires and other officials and their authority during games and practices and will never question, discuss, and/or confront umpires, officials, managers and/or coaches during games, and will take the time to speak or to email in a respectful and civil manner and tone to officials, managers and/or coaches, or PYAA board member after the event. The head coach is the only person to address an official and must do so in a respectful manner.
 16. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not incite, participate in and/or otherwise condone any unsportsmanlike conduct at any time;
 17. I will act as an adult and strive to set a positive role model and example for my child and other players;
 18. I (and my spouse, any relative, or any guests) will not do or say anything that will cause my child to feel embarrassed, shamed, belittled or disrespected.

I also understand and acknowledge that the PYAA has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy and agree that if I (or my spouse, any relative, or my guests) fail to abide by any of the aforementioned rules and guidelines, that said person will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by umpire, official, manager, coach, board member, and/or commissioner of PYAA;
- Written warning;
- Immediate ejection from games, practices and any other league sponsored and/or affiliated events;
- Parental suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the PYAA;
- Game forfeit through umpire, official and/or manager;
- Parental season suspension;
- Any other action consistent with the By-Laws and rules and regulations of the PYAA. This Adult Code of Conduct is strictly enforceable at the sole discretion of the PYAA or its duly authorized representatives.