

Corona-Norco Family YMCA Youth Sports
Child Abuse Prevention
Parent & Coaches Guide

As a YMCA Youth Sports Coach our #1 priority is to keep both our kids and volunteers safe. That is the reason the following policies are in place surrounding child abuse prevention. As a YMCA Volunteer it is required that all the following are followed.

BEING ALONE WITH KIDS

Any one-on-one situations with a child should be always avoided. Keep in mind that you always want to have a witness present whenever you're interacting with a child.

DRIVING PARTICIPANTS

YMCA staff and volunteers are not permitted to drive participants in their personal vehicles. This is a liability for the YMCA and you personally, but something that comes up frequently in our program. If you are put in an uncomfortable situation, please talk with our staff so we can deal with this. Parents should not ask you to drive their children. IF you have a preexisting relationship with a participant, you *may* be permitted to transport the child. Should a situation like this exist the preexisting relationship must be documented by the YMCA prior to any transport occurring. Please let the Program Director know so it can be properly recorded.

SOCIAL MEDIA

YMCA staff and volunteers are not permitted to have contact with YMCA minor participants outside of the YMCA. This includes contact through electronic media (Facebook, texting, etc.) Any use of social media must be with the parents (practice schedules or game time changes, etc.)

EXTRA PRACTICES

If participants are willing, and facilities are available extra practices are permitted, however ALL extra practices need to be approved by the Program Director and must take place at the YMCA. **Offsite practices are not permitted.**

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OR OUTSIDE OF THE PROGRAM ACTIVITY

No actions should happen which could be viewed as showing favoritism towards a particular participant. This could include but is not limited to invitations to extra workouts that are not open to the rest of the team, invitations to outside events or activities, and include gift giving.

END OF YEAR PARTIES

All parties should be communicated to the Y Program Director, Jonathan D'Angiolillo, so they are aware of the specifics. Parties should never occur at a coach's home.

RESPECT FOR THE GAME GUIDELINES

Officials will recognize and address using an appropriate warning and/or immediate Technical Foul, the following **5 BEHAVIORS** that players and coaches display in their interactions with officials:

- I. Comments that undermine the integrity of an official.
 2. Usage of profanity.
 3. Demonstrative acts in resentment to a call or no call.
 - o This includes, but is not limited to, waving arms, inappropriate gesturing, or clapping at an official.

4. Continuous or continual complaining/criticism directed to or about an official.
5. Excessive inquiries.

RESTATEMENT: Players and coaches can react to calls with which they disagree, provided the reaction is not overly demonstrative, disrespectful, or prolonged. Heat of the moment reactions by players that are not demonstrative, and dissolve quickly are **not** to be penalized with a technical foul.

ASSISTANT COACHES STANDARD OF CONDUCT:

No assistant coach may direct comments to an official during live and/or dead ball play. The only exception is that during a time-out, an assistant coach may ask an official for a rule interpretation. Technical fouls are to be assessed if an assistant coach's behavior does not comply with this directive. If assistant coaches are given defensive or offensive responsibilities which necessitate their standing up at times, this is now and always has been permissible, so long as they return to their seats within a reasonable amount of time.

PARENT/FAN STANDARD OF CONDUCT:

Like assistant coaches, parents may ask an official for a rule interpretation before or after the game, if the officials make themselves available for such interaction at the scorer's table. If after a game, the officials refuse to talk to parents or fans, or if they remain at center court, they have the right to be left alone. During the game, parents and fans can react to calls with which they disagree, provided that their reaction does not include the use of profanity or personal attacks against a referee's judgment or integrity, nor it be deemed against the principles of appropriate sportsmanship that we require of the players and coaches. Under no circumstances are parents/fans allowed to approach a referee or the scorekeeper during the game.

In the case of an overtly disrespectful fan, a warning may be issued to the corresponding coaching staff in attempts to give them every opportunity to address the situation. The officials are then directed to instruct a site director/tournament staff member to help eject the fan if they continue to be a distraction.

I have participated, read, and understand the following:

PARENT/COACHES HANDBOOK
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION – PARENTS & COACHES GUIDE
RESPECT FOR THE GAME GUIDELINES
Y SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT (Soccer Handbook)

Failure to comply with any of the above listed will result in suspension and possible expulsion from the Corona-Norco Family YMCA Youth Sports Programs. Please read, sign, and submit this form upon registration.

PRINT NAME

PLAYER NAME/PARENT NAME

SIGNATURE (PARENT)

DATE