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NMYSA's "Caution: Children @ Play" Program

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game.

In various national surveys, behavior was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior by over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The NMYSA "Caution: Children @ Play" program goals are to:

1. Provide all children a positive sports experience free from all forms of abuse
2. Promote exercise and sports participation for the development of healthy lifestyles that will promote wellness through the lifespan.
3. Provide a safe environment for learning positive life skills and the enjoyment of spare time in a sports experience.
4. Develop awareness of what constitutes maltreatment or abuse.

Accomplishing these goals will result in players having more fun, developing sound character, building self esteem, increasing confidence, creating lasting friendships, and improving trust.

Every parent, coach and player is asked to abide by a Code of Conduct during all NMYSA activities, from State-sanctioned tournaments to regularly scheduled League matches through team practices and activities. These Codes of Conduct are available on the NMYSA web site: <http://www.nmysa.net/>. Help us meet the number one goal of the "Caution: Children@Play" program by providing all children a positive sports experience free from all forms of abuse.

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