

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians of Children Participating in Toy Bowl

Preamble

In order to ensure the continuation of the atmosphere of good sportsmanship and Christian conduct at athletic events sponsored by the Toy Bowl Association for our Catholic schools and parishes, the Toy Bowl Athletic Council has established the following Code of Conduct, which shall apply to every parent/guardian whose child (children) participate in any Toy Bowl sports program.

Toy Bowl enjoys an outstanding reputation that has been built by thousands of coaches, school personnel, players, league officials, and other concerned volunteers over its six decades span. Because Toy Bowl's reputation among observers from both within and outside the Catholic community is of paramount importance to the Association's continuing ability to properly serve Catholic schools and parishes of the diocese, it shall be required of every parent/guardian that he/she carefully reads this Code and indicates his/her consent to abide by it by signing his/her name on the line indicated. It shall be returned to the Athletic Director before their child shall be allowed to participate in a Toy Bowl sponsored event.

By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every Toy Bowl event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of the children, whether playing on a team or otherwise attending the sporting event ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates or coaches for losses or mistakes.
6. I will do my best to make playing Toy Bowl sports fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction, not mine.
7. I will demand that my child treat my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect.

Adapted from Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Toy Bowl Association Code of Conduct for Coaches and The United States Figure Skating Code of Conduct for Parents.

8. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
9. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to verbal or physical hostility or violence.
10. I will be a positive role model for my child and other players
11. I will demand a practice and competition environment for my child that is free of alcohol and illegal drugs. I agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug prescribed in accordance with applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
12. I will not provide alcohol or condone the use of alcohol by minors; nor will I use alcohol in the presence of Toy Bowl players.
13. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other players during competitions and practice because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
14. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and teach my child to do likewise.
15. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of Toy Bowl volunteers and officials.
16. I will study the rules of the sport my child plays and teach my child accordingly, so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of the competition and fair play.
17. I will respect all the members of the opposing teams in my child's competition and respect the rights of all children participating.
18. I understand that that any pictures or video recordings that I take of Toy Bowl games or practices are for my personal use only and may not be used to threaten, harass, intimidate, or portray any player, coach or official in a derogatory way.

Child's Name : _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Signatures: _____

Date: _____