

STRATFORD YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Setting the Standard for Stratford Youth Sports

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SYSA is working to raise community standards in organized youth sports programs and has adopted these standards of good sportsmanship for youth players, officials, coaches and parents. Each youth league also has a code of conduct outlining their philosophy and expectations.

The following websites provide additional information about making sports a positive experience for youth:

www.asep.com

www.nays.org

www.positivecoach.org

www.sportsmanship.org

www.ncaa.org/sportsmanship

The **SYSA** believes that youth sports are supposed to be fun – for the youth players. Youth play sports to have fun. When things are kept positive, *everybody is a winner.*

SYSA is an unincorporated group formed for the purpose of promoting positive youth development through sports. The **SYSA** provides a forum for youth sports leagues and other representatives to discuss ideas and concerns, and to develop and implement solutions to shared problems and is working to raise community standards in youth sports. The **SYSA** is comprised of representatives from the following youth leagues:

St. James Regional School

St. Mark Youth Sports

Sterling House Community Center

Stratford Little League

Stratford PAL Girls Softball League

Stratford PONY Baseball

Stratford PAL Pop Warner Football

Stratford Public Schools (athletic directors)

Stratford Recreation Department

Stratford YMCA

Other representatives include parents, youth, coaches, officials, clergy, and community organizations including Stratford Police Athletic League (PAL) and Stratford Community Services.

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PLAYERS STANDARDS

Being a member of a team has responsibilities and rewards. Players must conduct themselves in a respectful manner that brings credit to their sport, team, and themselves.

Players shall pledge to:

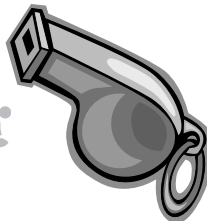
- Be accountable for their behavior and its outcomes.
- Honor their obligations and promises.
- Respect the authority of coaches, youth and adult officials.
- Respect their teammates and opponents.
- Learn and adhere to game rules both in letter and spirit.

OFFICIALS STANDARDS

The duty of youth and adult officials is to act as impartial judges of competitions. This duty carries an obligation to perform with accuracy, fairness, objectivity and integrity.

Officials shall pledge to:

- Conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties, while exercising authority.
- Be knowledgeable and supportive of league rules and philosophy.



For more information contact:



Stratford Community Services

Birdseye Municipal Complex
468 Birdseye Street • Stratford, CT 06615 • (203) 385-4095
www.townofstratford.com

COACHES STANDARDS

Coaches have tremendous influence in the lives of their players. Coaches lead by example and must conduct themselves in a professional manner that brings credit to their sport, team and themselves.

Coaches shall pledge to:

- Emphasize emotional and physical well-being of children, fair play and development of skills of the game over winning.
- Respect and support youth and adult officials.
- Provide a safe environment for their players.
- Learn and teach their players the rules of the game. Adhere to the rules both in letter and spirit.
- Promote specific league rules, expectations and philosophy.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate to the skills and development of their players.
- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Promote an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free environment at youth sports activities.

SPECTATORS STANDARDS

Parents and spectators play an important role in promoting happiness and success in youth sports.

Parents and Spectators shall pledge to:

- Emphasize emotional and physical well-being of children, fair play and development of skills of the game over winning.
- Congratulate players for effort, not for winning.
- Respect and support coaches and youth and adult officials. Resolve disputes calmly and away from children.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship through positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice.
- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Understand specific league rules, expectations and philosophy.
- Promote an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free environment at youth sports activities.