

ORYA Family Handbook 2021



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Opening Statement

The Oak Ridge Youth Association is proud to offer exceptional recreational programs and events to our local families. These programs and events allow local children to experience opportunities that will help develop:

- Teamwork
- Sportsmanship
- Work Ethic
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Community

These programs play competitively against fellow Oak Ridge teams as well as against teams from other local youth sports organizations. This Family Handbook is designed to ensure our local families understand ORYA's expectations for players, parents and spectators. The Oak Ridge Youth Association expects all players, coaches, and families to act in accordance with the expectations expressed in this document.

One parent or adult guardian from each family that has registered a child in an ORYA program will be recognized as an Association member. It is expected that all members of the Association conduct themselves within the expectations detailed in the document.

Responsibilities

Upon registration for an ORYA program, players and their families are agreeing to the following responsibilities as part of their roles.

Player Responsibilities:

- Attend practices/games regularly and arrive on time.
- Bring proper equipment to each practice and game.

- Clean & maintain your equipment.
- Inform your coach in advance if it is necessary to miss a practice or game.
- Try your best at each practice.
- Work toward good sportsmanship and teamwork.
- Respect the referees.
- Be supportive of teammates all the time.

Parent responsibilities

- Transport your child to and from practices and games on time. Kids may be dropped off and picked up at the older ages with the coach's permission.
- Help your kids be responsible for their equipment and water each practice and game.
- Be supportive of all the players (Criticism does not improve performance.)
- Help your child understand that he/she is contributing to a team effort.
- Keep your player's focus on mastering skills and having fun, not winning.
- Avoid material rewards for your child. For example, don't reward them for scoring goals as it undermines all the other aspects of the game.
- Attend games and support the team. Encourage family members and friends to attend too!
- Refrain from criticizing the opponents; be positive with all players.
- Respect the referees (They will make mistakes, but they are doing their best.)
- Clean up after practices and games.
- Do not coach players during games.
- Help the coach's setup and breakdown when applicable.

Codes of Conduct

It is a privilege to be a part of the Oak Ridge Youth Association. Your actions as a player and parent shall always reflect upon our organization and its affiliates.

Players:

Everyone should be playing sports to have fun, learn and develop a passion for the game, and improve their skills. Players have a responsibility to their team, coach, and the Oak Ridge Youth Association. They are representatives of the Association as well as the team, coach, parents, and the community. Players should always maintain a high level of sportsmanship and fair play.

Players will:

- Play within the laws of the game and spirit of the game.
- Be on time and prepared for matches and training sessions.
- Display self-control in all situations and should not use foul or abusive language at any time-- before, during, or after a game, or training session.
- Encourage their teammates.
- Respect their opponents.

- Train and play to the best of their ability, have a positive attitude, and encourage others to do the same.
- Show respect towards the referee and his/her assistants as well as toward the opponents.
- Not harass, abuse, or berate a referee for any reason.
- Win and lose with class and dignity

Parents/Spectators:

Parents/Spectators must set the example for the children by exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship. Parents/Spectators participate in a game by watching, cheering, and supporting the efforts of all participants of the game. Playing sports should be fun! The game is for the children. Their participation and enjoyment of the game is the most important element. Parents have responsibilities to the coach, team, and ORYA. Parents/Spectators should have respect for their coaches, all children on the team, and the authority of the referee(s).

Parents/Spectators will:

- Have respect for the authority of the referee and his/her assistants. Parents should not address the referees, period. Any harassment, abuse, or berating of a referee during or after a game will be escalated for review and potential discipline.
- Parents should never enter the field of play.
- Have respect for the coach and his/her assistants; they should never criticize a coach in a public manner. Do not coach from the sideline; let the coach do his/her job no matter how much you may disagree. If there is a problem, talk to the coach or the Director at a later point in time.
- Have respect for all players. Cheer in a positive manner, not negative. Encourage your team and don't berate the other team. Cheer in a way to reward the good play of both teams and promote fair play.
- Treat fellow spectators with respect.
- Avoid coaching your child on specific actions during the game, stick with general encouragement and praise.
- Not to use foul or abusive language toward any one for any reason.
- Have a responsibility to learn the rules of the game and the spirit of the game.
- Get involved with the organization and promote the game in a positive way.
- Demonstrate the utmost in sportsmanship and integrity; as they are role models for their children.
- Leave fields and courts clean

Sponsors

Across many sport programs players are wearing uniforms with sponsors printed on them. It is important players present themselves in a manner which would make their sponsors proud. We

should never be engaging in activities which would reflect poorly on one of our generous sponsors. Please thank our sponsors by supporting their businesses. We are fortunate to have so many local businesses and people to help us put forward the best programs possible.

Social Media

Whether you're interacting on Oak Ridge Youth Association's Website, Mobile App, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or any social media platform, we build and protect our communities as places to engage in positive conversation and find information. The Association understands the inherent risks associated with using social media and is very serious about our approach towards managing these platforms. The administrators are constantly monitoring the comments and feedback to ensure compliance with our Website, App and Social Media Acceptable Use Policy. The association reserves the right to delete comments or ban users without notice or explanation. Any person who makes threats of any kind towards the association or its members (digitally or via any other means) is subject to be banned from association pages.

Additionally, users are subject to the Association's code of conduct. Platform administrators are constantly monitoring comments and feedback and are advised to quickly remove anything deemed inappropriate, ban the user and bring the details to the Board in order to determine if further disciplinary action is required.

Violation Consequences

The ORYA Board takes Code of Conduct violations very seriously. The Board reserves the right to suspend players and families from finishing their current season or participating in future programs and events.

Volunteers

The Oak Ridge Youth Association is a 100% volunteer organization. We are always looking for new contributors. The Youth Association relationships gives us access to local resources which opens the doors to an endless amount of ideas, we just need the people to execute on them. If you would be interested in joining a team that is dedicated to providing our kids with the best programs possible please reach out to information@orya.org. We can use all the help we can get!

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