



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents:

This letter will better help parents to understand the YMCA's philosophy on Youth Sports. This framework embodies the mission of the YMCA and provides the foundation on which each child will develop the YMCA character values – Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.

1. **SAFETY FIRST:** Although some children may get hurt playing sports, we do all we can to prevent injuries. Our goal is to make sure the equipment and facilities provide a safe learning experience. Skills taught are appropriate for children's developmental and fitness level. Coaches are encouraged to constantly supervise players.
2. **FAIR PLAY:** is about more than playing by the rules. It's about players, coaches, and parents showing respect for all who are involved in Waldo County YMCA Youth Sport Programs. Parents and coaches are expected to be good role models of sportsmanship and guiding players to do the same. We are more interested in developing children's character through sport than in developing a few highly skilled players.
3. **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:** Waldo County YMCA Youth Sports encourages parents to be involved appropriately along with their child's participation in our sport programs. In addition to parents being helpful as volunteer coaches, we encourage them to be at practices to support their child's participation.
4. **SPORT FOR FUN:** Sports are naturally fun for most children. They love the challenge of mastering the skills of the game, playing with their friends, and competing with their peers. Remember, that these sports are for the kids; let them have fun.
5. **CANCELTION POLICY:** due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, games/practice will be held in the Waldo County YMCA Gym (bring sneakers).
 - It will be posted on the Waldo County YMCA Facebook page alerting you of the move.
 - If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Waldo County YMCA at 338-4598 to check for any cancellations.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our philosophies and for choosing the Waldo County YMCA where we are committed to YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTHY LIVING and SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.