

**Saint Nicholas, Baltimore MD**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR Parents and Spectators**

*I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child(ren) and other children participating in the St. Nicholas GOYA and abide by the following Code of Conduct:*

- *I will demonstrate true Christian behavior by support for the Church and the entire GOYA.*
- *I understand that the advisors are trying to help the youth grow as responsible and respectable Greek Orthodox Christians.*
- *I understand that our youth are learning by our example and we all should ALWAYS to act accordingly.*
- *I realize that the advisors are reasonable and caring people who are trying to make things fair for all GOYAN's. I will support advisors, clergy, coaches and officials working with my child(ren), in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.*
- *I will remember that the GOYA is for Youth - Not Adults and I will remember that children participate to have fun.*
- *I will do my very best to make youth activities and sports fun for my child(ren).*
- *I must find productive, positive ideas to help solve problems or conflicts rather than negative complaints. I (and my guests) will be positive Orthodox Christian role models for our children, and I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to our GOYANs, advisors, clergy, coaches, officials, players, parents, opponents, etc.*
- *I will Maintain self-control, refrain from using profanity or profane gestures*
- *I will need to take into consideration the amount of time and effort that the advisors put into the program to assure that my child(ren) participates in every event scheduled to the best of my ability.*
- *I will make sure that my child is on time to all GOYAN events.*
- *I will pick up my child(ren) on time after every event, game, and/or practice*
- *I will adhere to ALL deadlines including monetary, for each GOYA event that my child(ren) has agreed to participate. If I miss any deadlines, I understand that no special considerations or privileges can be made for my child(ren). If my child is "signed up" for any given event, he/she is financially responsible for this event, whether or not he/she attend.*
- *If my child is responsible for any damage to property of others, the Youth Room, or the church, I will make sure that reimbursement is made within 30 days of the incident.*
- *I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of the participants and my child(ren) ahead of my personal desire to win.*
- *I will insist that my child(ren) participate in a safe and healthy environment. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the participants.*
- *I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport's coach and that the coach upholds the Coach's Code of Conduct.*
- *I will demand an environment for my child(ren) that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all GOYA events.*
- *I will bring my questions and concerns directly to Fr. Michael PASTRIKOS or the head advisor/advisors.*
- *I will filter all GOYA ideas and activities through the GOYA Council (Board) and the Advisors.*
- *I will not take it upon myself to schedule a GOYA activity without the full consent of the GOYA Council (Board), Parish Priest, Youth Director and Advisors.*
- *I will help my child(ren) enjoy the youth activities and sport experiences by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, providing transportation, assisting with event setup, etc. as agreed upon by the Youth Advisors and GOYA Council (Board).*
- *I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence and hostility.*
- *I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials, clergy, Youth Advisors, chaperones and spectators with respect regardless of any differing opinions and regardless of race, creed, color, or ability.*
- *I will show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team and will be a "team" fan, not a "my child" fan.*
- *I will help my child(ren) learn that success is measured by the development of skills, not winning or losing and I will show respect in defeat and modesty in victory.*

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Print Name

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Date

**RETURN WITH REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS**

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**GOYA Code of Conduct Rules Form**