

A Guide for Youth Sports
Coaches, Volunteers & Leaders

CHILDREN'S BILL OF RIGHTS IN SPORTS

A Shared Standard for Every Child in Southeast Michigan

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Why This Matters to You

You didn't become a coach because you love practice plans and drill diagrams — you became a coach because you believe in what sports can do for young people. That belief is the foundation of the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports (CBORIS). This framework isn't about adding more to your plate. It's about anchoring the work you're already doing in a clear, shared standard that says every child who steps onto your court, field or gym floor deserves your best.

Five Reasons to Endorse

- **It gives your philosophy a framework:** Most coaches already believe in youth-centered practice but they don't always have the language or structure to articulate it. The CBORIS give you a framework to organize your coaching philosophy, communicate your values to parents and evaluate your program over time.
- **It connects you to research and resources:** Endorsing connects you to Project Play: Southeast Michigan and a library of coaching resources, training opportunities and peer learning networks.
- **It sets expectations with parents:** When you display the CBORIS in your gym or on your team page, you're telling parents: here's what we stand for. That transparency builds trust, reduces conflict and aligns everyone around what matters most — the kids.
- **It advances your professional development:** Endorsing is a signal to yourself and your organization that you're committed to ongoing growth, youth development, safety, equity and the full scope of what quality coaching looks like.
- **It helps you keep kids in sport:** Every child who stays in sport because of a great coach-athlete relationship positively impacts their health, development, and future. The CBORIS is a practical guide to building those relationships consistently and intentionally.

Thank you to our **founding champions** who have already endorsed. Visit projectplaysemi.com/cboris to join the call and become a proud endorser.

