

A Guide for Parents & Caregivers

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 put your child in sports because you believe in what sports can do for them — the friendships, the confidence, the lessons about effort and resilience. You're right to believe that. But the quality of your child's experience depends enormously on the adults, organizations and systems around them. The Children's Bill of Rights in Sports gives you a framework to evaluate any program your child is part of and a language to advocate for better when something falls short.

Five Reasons to Endorse

- **You'll know what to look for:** The eight rights give you a concrete checklist for evaluating any program: Is it safe? Are coaches trained? Is my child enjoying it? Is the program designed for their age? Your family deserves answers to these questions.
- **You'll be equipped to speak up:** When something doesn't feel right at your child's practice or game, it can be hard to know if you're overreacting or if there's a real problem. The CBROIS gives you a shared standard to point to.
- **You'll model advocacy for your child:** When your child sees you stand up for their rights, you're teaching them something more important than any sport skill.
- **You'll join a regional community:** Endorsing connects you to Project Play: Southeast Michigan and a growing network of parents, coaches and organizations committed to the same standards.
- **You'll help shift the culture:** The sideline culture in youth sports is shaped by parents as much as coaches. When parents collectively endorse these rights, it sends a signal to programs across our region that sets expectations and standards.

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

