

NORTH CATAWBA OPTIMIST CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

Spectators are expected to provide positive support, care and encouragement for any youth participating with North Catawba Optimist sport teams by following this code of ethics:

- Spectators are expected to refrain from making derogatory remarks while on North Catawba or affiliates property.
- Spectators are expected to place the emotional and physical well-being of all youth ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Spectators are expected to remember that the game is for the youth, not the adults.
- Spectators are expected to treat other players, coaches, spectators and referees/umpires with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, ability or religion.
- Spectators are prohibited to throw any sport equipment due to the outcome of a play, game or officiating call.
- Spectators are expected to help the youth enjoy the sporting experience by being supportive of coaches and officials, being a respectful spectator and assisting in whatever manner they're able to.
- Spectators are expected to assist the coaching staff by refraining from coaching their child(ren) from the stands/sidelines during a practice or game. Instead, spectators should encourage and be affirming whenever else possible.
- Spectators are expected to make each sport as fun as possible for the youth learning and playing the sport.
- Spectators are expected to insist that all youth play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Spectators are expected to maintain a drug, alcohol and tobacco/vape free sports environment for the youth and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all North Catawba Optimist events.
- Spectators are prohibited to use any profanity at any time during any North Catawba Optimist event. Profanity will not be tolerated in the presence of any youth!
- Spectators are expected to wear clothing that covers private/genital areas and will be asked to leave the event if their clothing is deemed untasteful for a youth environment.
- Spectators that engage in any behavior that endangers the safety of our youth, parent, spectator, board member or game official will result in appropriate disciplinary action, following a review by the North Catawba Optimist Board.
- Spectators are prohibited from carrying any weapons/firearms at North Catawba Optimist events.
- Spectators will be asked to leave the event and be suspended the next game if they're ejected from a game by a Referee/Umpire or NCO Board Member.
- Spectators who break any of the Code of Ethics are subject to Board Review. The board will vote on appropriate action to be taken which may result in a permanent lifetime ban of any North Catawba Optimist events.