

# Respect in Sports

A monthly newsletter for everyone interested in supporting a positive youth sports experience.



## Youth Keeper Killed by Portable Goal

By Soccer Dad

The NC **Youth Soccer** Association contacted all the leagues here to ensure they were aware of what happened and to remind them that they should have a goal safety program in place. Urgently need to get the message out to all your clubs ... [On The Pitch - http://onthepitch.org](http://onthepitch.org)

According to the American Obesity Association, more than 30% of children between the ages of 6 and 11 are overweight and 15% are obese. For adolescents between the ages of 12 and 19, more than 30% are overweight and nearly 16% are obese.

### Now You See It-Now You Don't: Conflict of Interest Demands More Than Just a Policy

Conflicts of interest are a normal part of organizational life, but dealing with them is anything but simple, as NPQ (The Nonprofit Quarterly) learned from its readers.

Friendly Piece of Advice:  
If you have nothing nice to say,  
Please leave the kids alone,  
And, if you've forgotten your manners,  
Then please just stay at home.

## Are Coaches Teaching Our Young Athletes the Right Way to Play?

According to a report released February 16, 2007 by the Josephson Institute of Ethics, the values of young athletes are dramatically impacted by their sports experience.

The report, "What Are Your Children Learning? The Impact of High School Sports on the Values and Ethics of High School Athletes," summarizes the responses of 5,275 high school athletes to a written survey administered in 2005 and 2006.

[http://www.josephsoninstitute.org/sports\\_survey/2006/](http://www.josephsoninstitute.org/sports_survey/2006/)

## Free Tobacco-Free Sports Posters Available

Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation (TFYR), the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center (MPRC) have partnered to make tobacco-free sports posters available to you for FREE! All you pay for is the shipping cost. Quantities are limited! Download our [Tobacco-Free Sports Poster Order Form](#) for more information.

## May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

There are over 1 million new cases of skin cancer diagnosed in the U.S. each year, more than all other cancers combined. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention offers resources, tips and a link to check you local UV index on their Web site at <http://www.skincancerprevention.org/>

## Kids Health Web Site

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"An important part of who you are is what you want to be."

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