



City of Salem SPORTS OFFICE

Youth Sports Code of Conduct

The City of Salem is very proud to have you as a dedicated volunteer and parent in one of our youth sports programs. We believe that sports play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents and coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved our programs should lead by example by demonstrating respect and self control while either coaching or attending youth sporting events. Our goal is to create a positive environment where children can have fun and play with unconditional support from all adults.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for them, not the adults.
2. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or related event.
3. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
6. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games, and likewise, I will not confront coaches at the game site or practices. I will take the time to speak to the coach at an agreed upon time and place to discuss any issues that I may have.
14. I will work with the recreation department to resolve any conflicts in an appropriate manner with the ultimate goal of doing what's in the best interest of the kids and program.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal/written warning.
2. Probation.
3. Immediate ejection.
4. Suspension per sport specific guidelines.
5. One game suspension, multiple game suspension, or indefinite suspension.

Name

Signature

Date