

Parent Code of Conduct

It's simple: BE A GOOD SPORT!

Children's sports are supposed to be fun and for the children. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. Parents who follow this simple code can help reinforce what sports are all about... **BEING FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Spectators should praise their team members for competing fairly, trying hard, and make the children feel like a winner every time, regardless of the score!
- Spectators will be a positive role model for children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and staff at every game, practice or league event.
- Spectators and players will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or spectator such as booing, taunting, mouthing off, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports parent, and that **the game is for the children and not the adults.**
- Your actions affect your team, coaches are held responsible for your actions and can be penalized for poor sportsmanship that you exhibit.
- Officials, score keepers, and OPRD staff have the authority to remove a player, coach, or spectator from a game and can declare the game a forfeit due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from any league activity is suspended for a minimum of one (1) week from all OPRD league activities. The suspension could be longer depending on the severity of the infraction. Suspensions are not eligible for appeal.
- Players, coaches, and spectators who have been ejected must leave the complex and may not return until the completion of their suspension.
- No fighting is allowed. First offense is a suspension for the rest of the season, second offense results in one-year loss of eligibility in all league play or indefinite suspension if deemed severe.
- If the referee or scorekeeper witnesses any acts of tackling, elbowing, cheap shots, blocking, or any unsportsmanlike act, the game will be stopped, and the player can be ejected from the game. OPRD staff may decide to implement a suspension, depending on the severity of the infraction(s). FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Suspensions carry over from season to season and are enforced for all OPRD leagues.

Parent signature

Print Name

Date