

Parent/Coach Code of Conduct

Newberry Parks & Recreation

The City of Newberry is committed to providing a positive and safe environment for all youth athletes. All parents, guardians, and coaches participating in the City's youth sports programs must adhere to this Code of Conduct to ensure the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity.

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian, I agree to the following:

1. **Supportive Behavior:** I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, and event.
2. **Respect for Coaches & Officials:** I will respect the decisions of coaches and officials and refrain from questioning, criticizing, or interfering with their decisions during games and practices.
3. **Sideline Conduct:** I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct, including booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures. I will not encourage my child or another person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. **Field Restrictions:** I understand that only registered coaches and authorized personnel are allowed on the field of play. I will not enter the playing field for any reason unless invited by an official or coach in case of an emergency.
5. **Communication:** I will address any concerns regarding coaching or officiating through the appropriate channels at an appropriate time, not during games or practices.
6. **Respect for All Participants:** I will encourage my child to treat teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials with respect and dignity, regardless of race, gender, ability, or background.
7. **Safety First:** I will ensure my child is on time for practices and games, is properly equipped, and is healthy enough to participate.
8. **Substance-Free Environment:** I will not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances at any youth sports event.

Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach, I agree to the following:

1. **Positive Role Model:** I will be a positive role model for my players and parents by promoting good sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork.
 2. **Player Development:** I will prioritize the development, safety, and well-being of all players over winning games.
 3. **Respect for Officials & Opponents:** I will respect the decisions of referees and officials and promote fair play among my players.
 4. **No Tolerance for Abuse:** I will not engage in or allow verbal, physical, or emotional abuse of any player, coach, official, or parent.
 5. **Field Access:** I understand that only registered coaches and authorized personnel may enter the field of play during practices and games.
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6. Parental Communication: I will maintain open and professional communication with parents and address any concerns through appropriate channels.
7. Compliance with League & City Rules: I will follow all rules and guidelines set forth by the City of Newberry Youth Sports Program.
8. Substance-Free Environment: I will not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances during practices or games.

Enforcement & Consequences

Violations of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action, which may include but is not limited to:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Temporary or permanent suspension from practices and games
- Suspension of registration account
- Removal from the youth sports program
- Other actions deemed necessary by the City of Newberry Parks & Recreation Department

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the City of Newberry Youth Sports Program Parent & Coach Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its principles.

Name of Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____
