

Code of Ethics, Conduct and Sportsmanship

The Collinsville Parks and Recreation recognizes that those who work with young children face many daily decisions that have moral and ethical implications. Our paramount responsibility is to provide a fun and learning environment that is safe, nurturing and responsive for each child while promoting and teaching a team mentality. We are committed to supporting children's development and learning; respecting individual differences; and helping children learn the game and work cooperatively. We are also committed to promoting children's self awareness, competence, self-worth, resiliency, and physical well being as well as a sense of pride in each other and our community.

Standards of ethical behavior are based on commitment to the following core values.

- Encourage all officials, workers and youth of each level of the program to abide by the rules of good sportsmanship.
- Respect and adhere to the principle that youth baseball and softball is a "fun" program, and that it is designed for the enjoyment of youngsters and is not meant to be a hobby for adults.
- Recognize and support the main purpose of youth baseball and softball which is to provide a recreation outlet for as many as possible with emphasis being on local league play rather than tournament play.
- Periodically evaluate and review all present and proposed rules and regulations to assure that they meet the guiding principals of our program: The physical development of the growing youth, full participation for all playing ball and the safety factor as it involves youngsters playing baseball and softball.
- Demonstrate and persuade others in the program to accept the moral principals of Collinsville Parks and Recreation by not participating in activities or using products that are detrimental to the welfare of youth.
- Develop and promote a spirit of cooperative teamwork among officials, sponsors, or any other person affiliated with the program.
- Respect the dignity, worth and uniqueness as well as potential of each player.
- Recognize that each child plays on a different skill level and it is our responsibility to encourage and develop the child with positive reinforcement.
- To appreciate the vulnerability of children and their dependence on adults.
- To create and maintain safe and healthy settings that foster children's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development and to respect their dignity and their contributions.
- We shall not participate in practices that discriminate against children by denying benefits, giving special advantages, or excluding them from activities on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religious beliefs or other affiliations of their families.
- **Above all, we shall not harm children. We shall not participate in practices that are emotionally damaging, physically harmful Disrespectful, degrading, dangerous, exploitative, or intimidating to children. This principal has precedence over all others in this Code.**

Team Sponsors

No firm or company whose advertising primarily reflects the sale or use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products shall be permitted as a sponsor.

Conduct and Sportsmanship

1. Members of one team shall not ride, kid, heckle, poke fun at or in any other manner do anything that in the opinion of the umpire distracts the opposing team. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be removal of the guilty player, players and/or coach or manager from the game and from the dugout.
2. The use of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco product within the confines of the playing field, practice field, dugout or bench by any manager, coach, player, parent, umpire or official is prohibited. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be removal of the guilty party from the dugout and the game.
3. Any spectator who is flagrantly displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, or who threatens physical harm to umpires, players, managers, coaches, league officials or opposing teams, parents, fans, players etc... will be removed. This includes players, coaches, coaches' spouse, parents, grandparents, siblings or anyone who is behaving in such a manner that is unsportsmanlike, unethical, or in any way that is a disgrace to the team and our community. Belligerent behavior will result in immediate removal from the park and facilities. Depending on the offense, it may result in a ban for the season. Repeat offenders will be asked not to return to the league. Decisions of penalty will be made by the Collinsville PARD.
4. **It is the coaches' responsibility to educate players, parents, families and fans of the local Code at the first practice and meeting with the parents. It can be done verbally or in writing.**

On behalf of the Collinsville Parks and Recreation and the community of Collinsville, Thank You for your time and devotion to this program and to the children.

I have read and accept the Code of Ethics, Conduct and Sportsmanship policy.

Please Print Name: _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____

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