

Augusta Parks and Recreation Department

Athletics Parent Code of Conduct

The following is derived from the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of characters.”

As a parent or spectator:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth , not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child 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 other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes, coaches, spectators or officials.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that learning the skills, fundamentals and sportsmanship of the game are important parts of any game in youth sports. Practicing these three aspects of any sport will only enhance future opportunities.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants, coaches, spectators or officials for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
16. I will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
18. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to conform to the Code of Conduct while attending 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:

- a. Verbal warning issued by an official, head coach or staff of Augusta Parks and Recreation Department.
- b. Written Warning issued by Augusta Parks and Recreation.
- c. Game suspension or immediate ejection from event with written documentation of incident kept on file by Augusta Parks and Recreation.
- d. Suspension from multiple events.
- e. Game forfeit determined by official or coach.
- f. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by Augusta Parks and Recreation.
- g. Expulsion from Augusta Parks and Recreation athletic events and facilities.

Name

Signature

Date

Organization

League