

Lancaster County Parks and Recreation

Parent Code of Conduct

Lancaster County Parks and Recreation has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents must read, understand and sign this form. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the LCPR facility and will receive one (1) game suspension, which shall be the next game to be played by the team. For the second offense within one calendar year of the first offense, the parent/spectator shall be suspended indefinitely. To be reinstated they must appear before the Joint Recreation Commission at one of its regularly scheduled meetings.

1. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Conduct.
2. I will be in control of my emotions and responsible for my behavior as well as for the behavior of those who attend the game/practice as my guest.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent/spectator or LCPR staff such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I (and my guests) will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
6. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
7. I will remain in the spectator area during practices/games.
8. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
9. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
10. I will support coaches working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all LCPR youth sports events.
12. I will remember that the game is for the youth... not adults.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
15. I will not make insulting comments to players, parents, officials or coaches of either team.
16. I will show respect for all participants at all times.
17. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or being a team parent.

I have read, agree and promise to support the goals of Lancaster County Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Programs, which include teaching youth to work together and cooperatively and develop self-esteem and sports skills through game play, and above all, to have fun. Furthermore, I understand that, as a spectator, if my conduct or language is deemed to be unsportsmanlike by Lancaster County Parks and Recreation officials or staff, I may be asked to leave the facility in which my child's games are being held.