

SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Crawford County Recreation Department, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds for the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league games.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice, will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

Preamble

There are six important principles that are essential to character-building, ethics and sportsmanship. These important principles are: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship.**

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the games are for youths, 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 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, 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 use any profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behavior that would endanger the health and well-being of any of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve any conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, officials, coaches and spectators with respect regardless of race, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach that doing one's best is more important.
11. I will praise my child for trying hard and competing fairly.
12. I will not ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing the competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
14. I will promote the physical and emotional well being of the athletes.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and I will never question or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed place and time.
16. I will demand a sports environment free of drugs, tobacco (designated areas only) and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. 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.
18. I will abide by Recreation facility rules and posted signs.

Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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