

Northwood Recreation

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The Northwood Recreation Department is implementing the following Sport Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents/guardians should READ, UNDERSTAND, and SIGN this form PRIOR to their children participating in our leagues and programs.

Our department will strive to adhere and focus on the following characteristics with your help:
Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness & caring

I agree

- I 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.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures, etc.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 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 will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

At the discretion of the Coaching Staff and/or Recreation Director (if present), if a parent or guardian is guilty of improper conduct at a game or practice, we will follow this protocol.

1. Give the parent/guardian ONE Verbal Warning, and then follow up with documenting the incident and reporting the behavior within 24 hours to the Recreation Director and/or Town Administrator.
2. After a verbal warning has been given, whether it be that same day or weeks later, the second step will be Immediate Removal from the practice/game. The incident will be documented.

*The child may continue playing at the practice/game as long as they (of course) have a ride home. We do not wish to punish the child for the reckless behavior of their parent/guardian.

3. After Steps 1 and 2 have taken place, we have no choice but to Completely Ban the parent/guardian for the remainder of the calendar year. The incident will be documented.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date