

## YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS - CODE OF CONDUCT

It is expected that coaches, parents/guardians/caregivers, family members, volunteers, players, spectators, officials, and fans will support and adhere to this code. Improper conduct may result in immediate disciplinary action.

Anyone who strikes, shoves, pushes, bumps or otherwise physically or verbally threatens an official or a member of their team or any other team including spectators, volunteers, HCRP staff or contractors shall automatically be suspended from all Department sponsored activities. HCRP staff will determine the length of the suspension.

Youth programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents/guardians/caregivers, coaches, volunteers, spectators, and officials to encourage participants to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports programs should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

1. Do not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee.
2. Do not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee.
3. Do not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee.
4. Do not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee.
5. Do not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports program and do not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports program while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. Do not permit your child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports program and do not permit your child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports program while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Do not engage in the use of profanity.
8. Do not encourage your child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. Do not initiate, encourage, or engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, volunteer, spectator, participant, official or any other attendee.
10. Do not initiate, cause, or encourage a physical altercation with any coach, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, volunteer, spectator, participant, official or any other attendee.
11. Treat any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or ability.
12. Encourage your child to treat any coach, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, player, participant, volunteer, spectator, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, or ability.