

# CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in sports can be a great learning experience for players, coaches, referees, parents and administrators alike. These experiences often transfer into our daily lives at home, at school and in the office during our recreational time.

Charles County Recreation Parks & Tourism has developed the following codes of conduct to establish standards for participation in all sports programs. All participants are encouraged to adopt these policies in order to provide a positive and rewarding experience for everybody involved in the programs. These codes of conduct are based on sportsmanship and fair play while creating a fun and positive environment for all involved.

*Anyone who deviates from this code of conduct may be removed from the program.*

## PLAYER

- Play for the fun and enjoyment of the sport.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with and cooperate with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Learn the rules, and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect the players, parents, opponents, and the officials or coaches.
- Never argue with decisions of the officials or coaches.
- Respect the school and its facilities; without them we wouldn't have a place to play.

## COACHES

- Promote a fun and positive atmosphere for all players.
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Provide a safe playing situation for all players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport, teach these rules to the players.
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## PARENTS & SPECTATORS

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect the players, parents, opponents, and the officials.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans. Enjoy the game.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
- Do not embarrass others by yelling, booing or criticizing. Be supportive.
- Do not use foul language.
- Applaud a good effort in victory or defeat.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches.
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