



## Parents, Coaches, and Player Code of Conduct

### Manchester Parks and Recreation Department

Parents, Coaches and players please read the following Codes of Conduct. After reviewing the code of conduct please sign and return the signed policy to the Parks and Recreation Department. Failure to read the policy and/or to sign and return the policy to the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department does not excuse coaches, parents and players from adhering to the Codes. The Parks and Recreation Department considers coach, parent and player conduct to be a paramount issue in youth sports and insists on strict compliance with the Codes.

**Coaches and Parents should be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's sports experience.**

**Parents pledge to be good spectators; to assess the philosophy of the coach to make sure it matches the child's needs; to provide unconditional support; and to pay attention to see if their child is having fun, learning, and improving—as opposed to just winning.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Codes please contact the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at (802) 362-1439.

## Coaches' Code of Conduct

(Provided by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association)

- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol; and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- **I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.**

## Parents' Code of Conduct

(Provided by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association)

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and Parks and Recreation employees at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches, and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- **I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.**
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as, being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I will require that my child's coach have knowledge and responsibility needed to be a positive youth sports coach.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.

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## Player's Code of Conduct

(Provided by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association)

- I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players Code of Conduct Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship for fellow players, coaches, officials, parents and Parks and Recreation Department employees at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best and listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treating accordingly.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Town of Manchester Parks and Recreation Department that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension for one or more games
- Season suspension
- Permanent disbarment from Parks and Recreation Department programs

The Town of Manchester Parks and Recreation retains the exclusive and sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction, provided, that disciplinary actions will be commiserate with infraction and the Town of Manchester Parks and Recreation is not bound to follow a progressive system of discipline.

Any discipline administered by the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department may be appealed to the Town Manager in writing within 7 calendar days.

I am a \_\_\_ Coach, \_\_\_ Parent, or \_\_\_ Player.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Youth Sports for the Town of Manchester Vermont.