



PARKS & RECREATION

Newton County Recreation Department Parent Code of Conduct

Newton County Recreation has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child/children in our Youth Sports Program. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child/children participating.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be reprimanded according to the NCRD No Tolerance Policy.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

I, the parent/guardian of _____, agree to the following: (child/children's name)

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the coaches' rules for their team and the policies of NCRD.
4. I (and my guests) 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 or practice.
5. I (and my guests) 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 or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to always do their best, follow all rules and I will praise my child for always putting forth their best effort.

8. I will require that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
9. I will not be negative or ridicule my child or other participants for making a mistake.
10. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
11. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child and other athletes ahead of any expectations I may have for them.
12. I will respect the officials, coaches and NCRD employees and their authority during games/practices and will not question, discuss or confront coaches on the field or in front of others but will take the time to speak with them at an agreed upon time and place.
13. I will refrain from “coaching” my child from the bleachers during games and practices.
14. I will have my child at all games and practices on time and ready to perform unless there is an uncontrollable circumstance at which I will contact my child’s coach personally and notify them of the situation. I also understand that there may be consequences if my child is late for practice or a game more than once.
15. I will never leave my child at a practice or game un-chaperoned.
16. I will be cooperative with my child’s coach within all reason.
17. I understand that my child’s coach is in charge of the team and has the authority to reprimand my child.

Please Remember: All of our coaches are volunteers. They are donating their time and energy to ensure that each participant has a fulfilling season. Please respect their time and effort by being on time, courteous and helpful whenever possible.

Removal from a team:

If a child misses 3 consecutive practices or games, or 6 practices or games overall without a valid reason, or is consistently late, he/she will be removed from the roster. (A valid reason is defined as any **uncontrollable circumstance** that would hinder the participant from attending a practice or game).

Unexcused Absence/Tardy

1st – Warning from the Coach

2nd – Player will sit out ½ the next scheduled game.

3rd – Player will sit out the entire next game and coach will make a report to NCRD (**see Removal from a team above**).

4th - Player will sit out the entire next 2 games and coach will make a report to NCRD.

5th - Player will sit out the entire next 3 games and coach will make a report to NCRD.

6th – Coach will make a report to NCRD and player will be removed from the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____