

# NEW BERN PARKS & RECREATION

## PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Code of Conduct.**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every practice, game or other youth sports event.
- I will not force my child to participate in youth sports.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of the children ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I will remember that my child is playing recreational sports for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will support the volunteer coaches and game officials that are working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that all Parks & Recreation coaches are volunteers. They have graciously given of their time for the development of my child, the program, and the sport.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches Code of Conduct.
- I will help the coaches and my child by striving to make sure that they are on time, picked up promptly, and are properly equipped for all practices and games.
- I will bring problems to the attention of the coaches in private after practices or games. Arguing with the coaches in front of the players or other spectators is detrimental to getting a successful resolution. If problems with coaches cannot be resolved, I will speak to the appropriate Parks & Recreation staff member about the problem.
- My child and I will treat other participants, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will show my appreciation for a good play, no matter who makes it. Remembering that children learn best by example.
- I will remember that parents should be cheerleaders. I will allow the coach to coach, the officials to officiate, and most of all the children to play the game.
- I will respect the property and equipment used at any facility we play at.
- My guests and I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parents such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.

**I further agree that if I fail to abide by the Parent's Code of Conduct, I will be subject to the following disciplinary action:**

- Verbal warning, written warning, being suspended from games and/or Season Suspension, depending on the severity of the offense.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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***New Bern Parks & Recreation will allow one parent to sign this Code of Conduct but it is the responsibility of all who attend any and all Parks & Recreation athletic events to know and adhere to the Code of Conduct.***