

ETHICS

Notice to All Participants, Parents/Care Givers and Coaches

The following contains various codes of ethics that participants should follow if they participate, either as a player or coach involved in any athletic programs sanctioned or sponsored by the Greene County Department of Parks & Recreation.

You must read and agree to follow these codes of ethics in order to participate, or have a child/ward participate in the Parks & Recreation Department programs. By registering a child/ward for Parks & Recreation Department programs, the parents/care givers impliedly consent to abide by these rules/codes of ethics. These rules/codes of ethics are not meant to be an exhaustive list of required and acceptable behavior.

The Greene County Department of Parks & Recreation employees and staff have the right to temporarily suspend or permanently terminate any player, coach or parent participation in Parks & Recreation Department activities for inappropriate or wrongful conduct in the course of any program.



Players Code of Conduct

Coaches and parents have a responsibility to provide the best experience for the youth in sports programs. However, the players also have certain responsibilities related to their participation. The Players Code of Ethics should be read and kept by each participant.

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players Code of Ethics Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.

I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.

I will do my very best to 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 treated accordingly.

I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!

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 will follow the rules and regulations applicable to whatever program I am participating in, including those rules and regulations which may be applicable to any building, field, or gym where the program takes place.

Parents Code of Conduct

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

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or to the youth sports events.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will help assist my child to play in a safe and healthy environment by making sure he/she does not wear any clothing/jewelry, which may pose a risk of injury to my child or any other participant.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand that my child is free of drugs, absolutely no tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will, as a parent, not use any tobacco, drugs, or alcohol at any sporting event.

I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I, as a parent, agree to use no foul language of any form during youth sporting events.

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 always being a respectable fan, and assisting with coaching or providing transportation when I can.

I will instruct my child that being a good sport means he/she must never fight with other participants or use abusive language during athletic programs.

I will instruct my child to follow the rules and regulations applicable to whatever program he/she is participating in and to instruct my child to follow those rules and regulations which may be applicable to any building, field, or gym where the program takes place. I also agree to abide by all rules and regulations applicable to specific venues where my child's program takes place.

Coaches Code of Conduct

As a volunteer coach in any Greene County Parks & Recreation Department athletic program, I will pledge as follows:

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will use no foul language of any form during any sporting events.

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 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 of my players.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players and players of opposing teams.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach and I will teach these rules to my players.

I will use coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.

I will remember that I am a YOUTH sports coach, and that the game is for children NOT adults.

I will follow the rules and regulations which may be applicable to specific athletic programs which I am coaching and the rules and regulations for the building, field, or gym where I am coaching.