



Sylvania Recreation Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the emotional and physical development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches, and youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example.

Players Agree To:

- Show respect at ALL times to parents, players, opponents, referees, and coaches.
- Demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- Not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Attend practices and games regularly and punctually.
- Practice the techniques and skills taught and attempt to apply them in matches
- Bring all personal equipment to practices and games.

Coaches Agree To:

- Encourage good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- Promote the safety and welfare of all players.
- Show up on time and prepared for all practices and games.
- Communicate timely with parents throughout the season.
- Motive and develop ALL players throughout the season.
- Be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.
- Always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials, and spectators alike.
- Communicate grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials, or any other parties involved through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- Provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.

Parents & Spectators Agree To:

- Demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players
- Never openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Stay on the spectator's side. Spectators are not permitted behind goals or on the player/coach area.
- Communicate with Sylvania Recreation staff, keeping them informed about matters affecting the players.
- Not coach their child in any way that might affect the instruction of the coach. If questions arise regarding training and skills, ask the coach about this so they can reinforce the instruction.
- Contribute to the positive development of your child and the team.

Officials Agree To:

- Conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.