



Code of Conduct:

City of Clinton Parks and Recreation Department believes that participation in sports programs is an integral part of the developmental experiences for children as well as providing fitness opportunities for adults. Therefore, it expects the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity and conduct of all individuals that participate in any of the activities, or while participating in the facilities provided by the City of Clinton, as well as visiting other Parks and Recreation Departments. In particular, the standards are especially stringent for coaches and umpires, who are at once role models, authority figures and representatives of that particular sport.

Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches are expected to be leaders and should comply with the following principles and ethics as well as, remembering that you are a youth sports coach and the games are for the players, not the adults.

- ◆ Always set a good example! As a coach your appearance enhances the organization of the unit.
- ◆ Teach sportsmanship and establish high standards for all to follow.
- ◆ Treat opposing coaches, officials, participants and fans with courtesy and respect.
- ◆ Lead by example in demonstrating fair play, sportsmanship and self discipline to all players, parents and spectators.
- ◆ Use coaching techniques that are age appropriate.
- ◆ Teach players to play within the spirit of the game according to the rules.
- ◆ Refrain from using tobacco, profane language, obscene gestures or behavior that exhibits poor sportsmanship.

Parents / Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents and Spectators should remember that children learn more from actions than words, and understand the children participate to have fun so the games are for the children not the adults. You are expected to comply with the following:

- ◆ Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the game.
- ◆ Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- ◆ Respect the coaches and officials, their authority during games and refrain from voicing loud, profane or discourteous criticism as a result of a decision made on the field of play.
- ◆ Support coaches, officials and others working with your child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- ◆ Do not engage in, permit or promote the use of alcohol, drugs, the use of profanity or other abusive language and adhere to the "no firearms" policy for the City of Clinton.

Players Code of Conduct

Players are expected to comply with the following:

- ◆ Treat coaches with respect regardless of race, gender, or ability and expect to be treated accordingly.
- ◆ Attend all practices and games and notify coaches ahead of time with special circumstances that prevent attendance.
- ◆ Try to improve on personal abilities instead of comparing yourself to others or criticizing the weakness of others.
- ◆ Do not engage in the use of profanity or other abusive language.
- ◆ Graciously accept constructive criticism.
- ◆ Play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sporting events.

_____ Printed Name

_____ Signature