



Youth Sports Coach Code of Conduct

The City of Fremont and the Parks and Recreation Department are committed to providing a positive youth sport experience by encouraging coaches, officials, players, and parents to demonstrate good sportsmanship at practices and games. All coaches and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion toward all players, parents, officials and city staff. The Parks and Recreation Department has adopted its Coach Code of Conduct, inclusive of a Zero Tolerance Policy, which must be adhered to at all times, without exception.

As a coach, it is important that you:

Be a role model. Keep in mind that you are a youth sports coach and the recreational experience is for the children, not the adults. Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for the players. Teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship by leading by example. Model grace, dignity, and maintain composure regardless of the outcome of the game.

Respect the game, including your team, fellow coaches, and opponents. This means ensuring that you attend and come prepared for all practices and games, and treat both your team and opponents with dignity and respect. Good sportsmanship means playing fair and safe, controlling negative emotions, and keeping the spirit of competition a healthy endeavor.

Respect the officials. Remember, youth sport officials (umpires/referees) are an important part of the sport and add to the overall experience of our programs. It is important that you respect their authority and understand that decisions they make during the game are final. **Do not confront officials during game play.**

Refrain from coarse and threatening language, as well as all forms of physical aggression. There is never a place in youth sports to use vulgar language, threaten or intimidate, or use physical aggression no matter who it is directed at.

Watch for the safety of all players at all times, including physical and emotional dangers. Be sure to pay attention to injuries, including concussions, and respond to them in a timely manner. Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing/field conditions to the Recreation Programmer as soon as possible.

Refrain from using any tobacco products or alcoholic beverages in the presence of your players. Use/consumption of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages on park property are not permitted.

Recreation Department 24 Hour Rule:

We ask that you wait 24 hours before you communicate any complaints or concerns related to a specific situation to the Recreation Programmer responsible for the program, coach, parent, or umpire. This allows time for the Recreation Department to look into the matter as well. The 24 Hour Rule does not apply if the complaint or issue is an immediate danger to life, safety, or health. Please report such issues immediately.

Dress code: Please wear your Rec Department issued coaches shirt for all games.

The Parks and Recreation Department Zero Tolerance Policy may include the removal of coaches from the facility/playing field and prohibit future attendance and volunteer participation to youth sports leagues.

As a youth coach for the City of Fremont Recreation Department, I agree to follow the guidelines listed above.

NAME: _____ SPORT/LEAGUE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____