



St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department Parent/Spectator, Player, and Coach Code of Conduct



The St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide positive athletic experience for everyone whether a department program or separate organization utilizing the department facilities. While athletic participation is competitive in nature, in a recreational context, participation and good sportsmanship are more important than winning. With that philosophy, the following rules and guidelines are provided to ensure that players, parents, coaches, officials and spectators can enjoy a positive experience. Violations may lead to penalties up to and including ejection and formal charges as deemed necessary.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators:

1. **Respect for All:** Show respect for coaches, officials, opponents, and other parents, maintaining a sportsmanlike attitude in all situations.
2. **Control Emotions:** Manage emotions, refrain from disruptive or disrespectful behavior, including yelling, profanity, or negative comments.
3. **Communication:** Communicate with coaches and team officials in a respectful and timely manner, addressing concerns or issues privately.
4. **Safety Priority:** Insure that your child is adequately equipped and prepared for practices and games, and prioritize their safety at all times.
5. **Excessive Pressure:** Do not place excessive pressure on your child to succeed, understanding that development and enjoyment are more important than winning at all costs.
6. **Conflict Resolution:** Address conflicts or disputes in a constructive and respectful manner, involving appropriate parties when necessary.

Code of Conduct for Players:

1. **Respect for All:** Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators with respect and courtesy.
2. **Fair Play:** Adhere to the rules and spirit of the game, competing fairly and honestly.
3. **Control Emotions:** Maintain control over emotions, avoiding unsportsmanlike conduct, such as taunting, trash-talking, or excessive celebrations.
4. **Safety First:** Prioritize safety by using proper equipment, following safety guidelines, and promptly reporting injuries.
5. **Conflict Resolution:** Address conflicts or disagreements with teammates, coaches, or opponents in a respectful and constructive manner, seeking resolution rather than confrontation.
6. **No Bullying or Discrimination:** Do not engage in bullying, harassment, or discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic, and support an inclusive and welcoming environment for all participants.

Code of Conduct for Coaches:

1. **Positive Leadership:** Provide positive and constructive leadership, fostering a culture of respect, fairness, and sportsmanship.
2. **Respect for All:** Treat players, parents, officials, and opponents with respect and professionalism, setting a positive example.
3. **Safety and Injury Care:** Prioritize player safety, follow safety guidelines, and provide appropriate care for injured players.
4. **Effective Communication:** Communicate with players and parents in a clear, respectful, and timely manner, addressing concerns and issues professionally.
5. **Conflict Resolution:** Address conflicts or disputes with players, parents, or other coaches in a respectful and constructive manner, seeking resolution and maintaining open communication.
6. **No Bullying or Discrimination:** Do not engage in bullying, harassment, or discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic, fostering an inclusive and welcoming team environment.