



PARKS & RECREATION

CODE OF CONDUCT / YOUTH SPORT LEAGUES

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any sport official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect all sport officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches at any time during games.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. As coaches in Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation Leagues, you should be models of good sportsmanship and behavior for your child and all children in the community including participants and spectators alike.

Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation Department ask that you pledge to be responsible for your words and actions while coaching, officiating, and participating in youth sporting events, and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Do your best to provide a safe playing environment for all players.
- Do your best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Teach the rules of the game to all players, officials, and parents.

- Remember that you are a youth sports coach and that the game is for children/youth and not adults.
- Do not abuse other coaches, sport officials, parents, or players.
- Promote fun, fairness, and sportsmanship over winning.
- Do not engage in the use of profanity or other offensive language.
- Encourage all team members to treat all players, teammates, coaches, sport officials, and parents with respect.
- Emphasize and foster a team atmosphere and not individual achievements.
- Be responsible for all league policies.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Player's responsibilities are simple; be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, and always do your best, and always exhibit good sportsmanship.

As a Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation league or youth sports participant, I hereby pledge that I will:

- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, sport officials, and parents.
- Be a team player and support my teammates.
- Be on time and attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coaches if I cannot.
- Work hard to improve my skills.
- Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- Encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity.
- Congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of sportsmanship.
- Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others.
- Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- Obey the rules of the game and always work for the good of the team.
- Accept the decisions of the sport officials with grace and never challenge or question calls. Refrain from challenging or questioning calls by officials and/or coaches.
- Conduct myself with honor and dignity.
- Applaud the efforts of my teammates and opponents.