

SPORT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Must be filled out by both parents or legal guardians for your child to participate.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

Parents are encouraged to support their teams while showing respect for all players, coaches, officials, spectators, and other parents.

- Do not force your children to participate in sports; but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, officials, spectators or other parents. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its' participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the playing field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat; And enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or abuse your child at any time – it is destructive. Work towards eradicating all forms of abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the sport – and volunteer.
- Understand your child's rights to play in an environment free from harassment and/or abuse in any form. Report any such incidents immediately.

CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE

Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the Code include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
2. Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
3. Going into the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena;
4. Going into the officials' locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena;
5. Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
6. Going onto the playing surface;
7. Throwing of any object onto the playing surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual;
8. Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association or arena;
9. Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;
10. Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. Further, my failure to comply with this Agreement or my participation in any of the defined CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from **Spring Garden Township facilities** and its affiliate member associations.

Parent(s) of: _____

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date: _____

Date: _____