

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this code of ethics.
- B. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports events.
- C. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- D. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- E. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- F. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- G. I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- H. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- J. I will always address any issues with my child's coach in private.
- K. I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- L. I will not disturb them when they are busy working and/or coaching, but will speak to them only at an appropriate time. I will never go on the playing field without permission from coach, team admin, or sports supervisor.

CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE

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

Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative or spectator;

Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative or spectator; or sing profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;

Going onto the playing surface; or throwing of any object onto the playing surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual;

Defacing or damaging property belonging to the Department, any individual team, association or arena;

Being involved in any behavior or activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;

Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.

Any other conduct that is not in compliance with the rules or policies of the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks.

I understand that by signing this Agreement I am agreeing to follow all of the rules described above. Further, I acknowledge that my failure to comply with this Agreement or my participation in any of the defined CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE will result in disciplinary action by the Department, up to and including the Department prohibiting me immediately from participating or attending Department-sponsored games or events, either home or away. I agree that the Department possesses the sole right to enforce these rules and impose discipline in the event they are violated, including giving automatic suspension or removal from park/game privileges.

Child's name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____