

ALTON PARKS AND RECREATION
CODE OF ETHICS FOR PARENTS

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for players, coaches, and officials, at every game, practice, or other youth sport event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth -- not for adults.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect, regardless of race, creed, sex, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan or assisting with coaching.
- I promise to refrain from using demeaning or vulgar language or actions at all youth sports events.
- I promise to direct any concerns or complaints to my child's coach in a timely manner, trusting that he/she will handle them appropriately. I promise not to direct complaints to the referee.
- I will not intentionally forfeit or agree with other parents or coaches to forfeit any game that my child is scheduled to play.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

**Alton Park and Recreation officials reserve the right to remove and/or suspend ANY player, parent, coach, or spectator from a game and/or the park for any reason or rule violation that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of participants, spectators, referees, and/or park staff.

Complete the following, cut off, and return this section to your coach. Keep the upper portion and review throughout the season. Thank you.

COACH: _____ DIVISION: _____

Player Name (print) Signature Date

Parent /Guardian Name (print) Signature Date

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