City of Willmar Parks & Recreation Code of Conduct



The City of Willmar Parks & Recreation Department has adopted a Code of Conduct which applies to all persons participating in any way in any City of Willmar Parks & Recreation programs. All participants, volunteers, coaches, patrons, and spectators are expected to know, promote, and adhere to the following standards of conduct.

- 1. Promote and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for players, coaches, officials, participants, and employees.
- 2. Treat everyone with respect, regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or skill level. Putting down or demoralizing others is not acceptable.
- 3. Adhere to the rules of the game/facility (including official's or employee's decisions) and do not attempt to change or manipulate those rules in order to win or for personal benefit.
- 4. Smoking or drinking is not allowed at any City of Willmar parks or facilities without a permit. Anybody under the influence of alcohol or drugs who presents a danger to themselves or others will be removed from competition.
- 5. Abuse or harassment of players, volunteers, coaches, officials, spectators, or employees in any form will not be tolerated. Bullying is a form of harassment which is also prohibited.
- 6. Refrain from foul, abusive, profane, or vulgar language. Be mindful of families and children in your vicinity and keep your language appropriate for all participants.
- 7. Fighting is prohibited. Fighting includes physical (hitting, pushing, touching, "getting in the face of") or verbal (threatening, making fun of, calling names, cursing, arguing).
- 8. Remember that youth programs are for the kids (to learn fundamentals, techniques, sportsmanship, teamwork, and have fun); they are not for adults! Therefore, <u>all</u> kids deserve a right to fairness at all times.
- 9. Conduct yourself in a manner that would be an example and a role model to youth under your direction or in the vicinity.
- 10. Coaches agree to support and work with assigned team throughout the designated season, and agree to hold regular practices (at least once a week) and show up to scheduled games.
- 11. Any equipment issued does not become personal property and all equipment must be returned in good condition to the City at determined time.
- 12. Promote team work, physical conditioning and teaching skills appropriate to the sport. Do not teach, encourage, or allow rough or dirty tactics of play.