

Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, Spectators & Coaches

Introduction

Godfrey Parks and Recreation (GPRD) is a community organization that sponsors youth leagues emphasizing fun, fair play and sportsmanship. The mission of GPRD is to offer the maximum amount of opportunity to as many participants as possible. To better achieve this goal, we are outlining a Code of Conduct for all parents, coaches and players involved in GPRD League play.

The Code of Conduct is a written contract between the parents, players and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game as well as maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. This contract is more than just paper; it is the essence of our goals and objectives and thus, adherence to it is of primary importance.

Children who wish to play, parents who want their children to play, and coaches who wish to coach on teams sanctioned by GPRD are required to agree to and sign this Code of Conduct.

Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents and Spectators will support the players, coaches, umpires, opponents tournament officials. Parents and Spectators will not "coach" or "officiate".

All Parents and Spectators Will.....

- Conduct themselves in a manner that displays the principles of good sportsmanship and team play by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- Show Respect for all opponents, coaches, players, umpires, league officials and spectators by not using profanity or any physical violence.
- Inform the Coaching Staff of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by GPRD and/or Village of Godfrey.
- Plan to ensure that the players are punctual in arrival at and departure from all GPRD athletic events.
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any GPRD athletic event.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- Insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

- Will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- Will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- Understand if a player, coach or spectator is removed from the facility for inappropriate behavior, the team they are affiliated with will have to forfeit the game and the person(s) removed will not be able to return for the team's next game.
- 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.
- Require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach agrees to the youth sports Coaches' Code of Conduct

All Parents and Spectators Will Not.....

1. Ridicule, demean, threaten or engage in confrontation with players, coaches, other spectators, or umpires.

Conclusion

GPRD/Village of Godfrey reserves the right to impose penalties, including, without limitation, player, coach, and/or guardian/family/friends game suspensions, dismissal from the team, suspension or revocation of GPRD league membership for serious or repeated violation of the Code of Conduct or other conduct deemed to be harmful to GPRD. By signing this agreement, you assume responsibility for yourself, your immediate family, and any guest/family members in attendance for your child participating withing the GPRD league.

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