

Our Promise To Kids

Our Promise to Kids is a Special Project of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association, the Kansas Youth Sports Task Force and the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

The Kansas Recreation and the Parks Association's (KRPA) initiative called Our Promise to Kids has been created to develop a specific set of youth sports values that will serve as the foundation for how programs are administered.

Our Promise to Kids is designed to provide coaches, parents and participants with the knowledge that their local park and recreation department and youth organizations care about each child involved in youth sports programs and are committed to making youth sports better for children in Kansas.

The Our Promise to Kids Commitment

WE PROMISE: to commit ourselves to the well-being and overall development of children through youth sports and activities and to ensure that our programs are conducted in the best interest of the children they are intended to serve.

WE PROMISE: that we will require each youth sports league, program, agency and organization to conduct themselves according to the generally accepted standards of quality youth sports programming and abide by the policies and procedures that are established by our agency as a condition of use for our facilities to conduct youth sports programs.

WE PROMISE: that all professionals, volunteers, coaches and parents involved in programs administered by our organization will have an opportunity to complete an orientation/training program that includes: an understanding of our philosophy, policies and procedures, and specific knowledge required for each position, and that everyone associated with the youth sports program shall be held accountable for his or her actions and behaviors.

WE PROMISE: that it is the express intent of our organization to above all else ensure that children involved in youth sports conducted by our organization are not subject to inappropriate adult behavior without fair, swift and equitable consequences for such behavior. Further, we recognize and accept that it is incumbent upon us to investigate and resolve all allegations and/or complaints regarding any aspect of a youth sports program administered by our organization that may have an adverse effect on the physical, emotional or social growth of youth participants.