

Ames Parks & Recreation Code of Conduct



The City of Ames Parks & Recreation Department has adopted a Code of Conduct which applies to all persons participating in any way in any City of Ames 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, gender identity, 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. Park rules related to alcoholic beverage use will be enforced. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the playing area in parks or within any facility. Vaping and tobacco products are not allowed in any city facility or park. 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.
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, **all** kids always deserve a right to fairness.
9. Adult sports leagues are designed to provide competition in a safe setting that allows participants to stay active and build community. Do not allow competitive nature to take away from the experience of your teammates or fellow participants.

Youth Coaches

10. Agree to conduct yourself in a manner that would be an example and a role model.
11. 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.
12. Any equipment issued does not become personal property and all equipment must be returned in good condition to the City at determined time.
13. Promote teamwork, physical conditioning and teaching skills appropriate to the sport. Do not teach, encourage, or allow rough or dirty tactics of play.