



# **Youth Sports Code of Conduct**

It is the intent of the Westlake Recreation Department to provide an enjoyable experience to all participants, as well as offer opportunities for individuals to pursue healthy, social activities in a safe and respected environment. It is the expectation of all players, coaches, captains, and spectators to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful, responsible and exhibits good sportsmanship at all times. We understand that at times athletics can become very competitive and can create tense situations. While we encourage playing hard and competing to the best of your ability, it is expected that players keep the game in perspective, and understand that fun and safety are our top priority during each and every contest. Conduct, actions or language that is deemed offensive or inappropriate will not be tolerated. The Youth Sports Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, captains, teams and spectators.

## EXPECTATIONS:

1. Treat all participants, officials and staff with respect at all times.
2. Cooperate with other participants and officials. Refrain from the use profanity or obscene gestures.
3. Never physically hurt or cause harm to another participant or official.
4. Listen to, and follow, all given instructions/directions from league officials.
5. Ask the officials, in a calm manner, to explain any rules I do not understand.
6. Respect the facilities and the equipment.
7. Participate in a sportsmanlike and safe manner at all times.
8. Read and review the league rules and policies and adhere to them at all times.
9. Uphold the league philosophy of healthy competition and sportsmanship.
10. Play hard. Have fun.

## Players Shall Not:

1. At any point physically assault any employee, player, official, coach/captain or spectator.
2. Endanger the safety of any employee, player, official, coach/captain or spectator.
3. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
4. Use personal or verbal abuse upon any official for any decision or judgment.
5. Use unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against an opposing player.
6. Demonstrate objectionable behavior or dissent at an official's decision by throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
7. Use or consume alcohol, tobacco, or drugs at or during any league activity or on city property.
8. Discuss publicly with spectators in a derogatory manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of other players during the game.
9. Play under another individual's name, falsify name, or falsify information on an official roster.
10. Play on more than one team in the same league.

## Ramifications:

1. Any misconduct will not be tolerated and may result in ejection/suspension.
2. Should any incident arise and a person/people cannot be identified in the incident, the coach/captain will assume responsibility and could be ejected/serve a suspension.
3. Any physical assault upon a Recreation employee, player, official, coach/captain and spectator will automatically result in a lifetime ban from all City of Westlake facilities, sports and programs.
4. Any verbal threat (suggesting physical harm) upon a Recreation employee, player, official, coach/captain and spectator will result in an automatic two (2) game suspension up to a possible 1-year suspension from City of Westlake sports depending on the severity.

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## Player Statement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received a copy of the rules of the league and the Westlake Recreation Youth Sports Code of Conduct. I understand that I am responsible to abide by all rules set forth by the Westlake Recreation Department, agree to adhere to the expectations of the Youth Sports Code of Conduct, and agree to act in a respectable manner throughout the duration of the league.

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Signature

Date