

# OKC Parks Guardian/Spectator Code of Ethics



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## I THEREFORE AGREE:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth, not the adults.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or safety of other.
5. My guest and I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. My guest and I will not engage in any kind of nonsupporting behavior with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing ones best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or by one's own performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also emphasize games and competition in lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the official and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the game.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.

I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, in any order, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or league representative.
  - Spectators and/or player removal from the gym for the remainder of the game.
  - Game forfeit through the official or coach.
  - Parental/coach/team game suspension(s) with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department.
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