

## Youth Athletics Philosophy Statement & Coaching Pledge

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to providing quality athletic programming for youth of all ages and abilities. The basic **foundation** of our program is:

- to **encourage participation** in physical activity
- to promote the **development of athletic skills**
- to provide a safe place and a fun experience

Our program is built on the principles of **fair play**, **good sportsmanship**, respect for one's self, one's teammate, for one's opponent, and the officials. It is our expectation that **everyone** involved in youth athletic programming will contribute in a positive manner, creating a **healthy environment** where participants will feel safe and welcome, and where they will find their athletic experience rewarding.

As a coach in the youth sports program, I pledge to support the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation and to positively support my athletes during their youth sports experience. I have read and understand the expectations the Department has for youth sports coaches and I agree to abide by them.

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