

City of Lynchburg Parks & Recreation
PARENTS / GUARDIANS CODE OF ETHICS

By initialing each line, the signee acknowledges that they have not only read & understood the City of Lynchburg Parks & Recreation Code of Ethics, but that they will also abide by the rules set forth within.

- _____ I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Sports Ethics Pledge.
- _____ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- _____ I will refrain from the use of profanity or offensive language & ethnic slurs.
- _____ I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of personal desire to win.
- _____ I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- _____ I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- _____ I will demand that my child's coach be properly certified & have an approved background check.
- _____ I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- _____ I will abstain from any type of conduct intended to humiliate or intimidate others.
- _____ I must respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials and I will accept the decisions of the officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- _____ I will refrain from coaching and/ or officiating from the stands. Parents who coach from the stands confuse players and often undermine what the coach and players are trying to achieve on the court/ field. Parents who officiate from the stands undermine the efforts to promote proper ideals of sportsmanship.
- _____ I will remember that the game is for youth, not for adults.
- _____ I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- _____ I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- _____ I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- _____ I will assume all responsibility for any guest that I bring/ invite to games, practices, & other team events. I am aware that I am also responsible for my guest's actions, and that while attending my child's youth sport event my guest(s) must also follow the above Code of Ethics.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with any law, city ordinance, park regulation, or reasonable request from an authorized staff person can result in immediate removal from the facility AND/OR suspension of player/ spectator privileges AND/OR citation AND/OR loss of eligibility to participate in any City of Lynchburg Parks & Recreation program, AND/OR loss of the privilege to visit & enjoy City of Lynchburg Parks & Recreation facilities.

Parent/ Guardian (Print): _____ **(Signature):** _____

Child 1 (Name & Age): _____ **Sport:** _____ **Date:** _____

Child 2 (Name & Age): _____ **Child 3 (Name & Age):** _____