



Bethlehem Recreation Department Code of Conduct

Bethlehem Recreation Department's mission is to create recreational opportunities that will provide growth in children and families. Parents and legal guardians play a key role in youth programs and can help facilitate a positive experience for participants by being good role models and by supporting the participants, coaches, and volunteers. As a condition of their child(ren)'s participation in a youth sports program, parents and legal guardians must agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct on their behalf and on behalf of their child(ren).

Participation: Participation in practices and games is key to building the skills of my child and the team.

- My child will come to all practices and games on time with appropriate equipment and attire.
- If my child cannot attend a practice or game, I agree to notify the Coach or Rec Director in advance.
- When my child is unable to attend school due to sickness or injury, my child will also not attend practices or games on that day.

Sportsmanship: Players are involved in this program for their enjoyment and education. We are dedicated to creating a positive and respectful environment for all players, coaches, and spectators.

- I may celebrate, cheer, and sigh, but I am aware that this is a children's event in public and that the use of profanity is not appropriate.
- I will be courteous and respectful to players, coaches, officials, and volunteers.
- I understand that making humiliating, hurtful, intimidating, profane, or derogatory comments, in person or on social media sites, about players, coaches, officials, or spectators may be considered abusive or harassment.

Coaches, Officials & Volunteers: Coaches, officials, and others volunteer their time and knowledge to help operate this program.

- I will bring any suggestions to the Coach or Recreation Director after the practice or game.
- I will not “coach from the sidelines”.
- I agree to bring issues or concerns to the Coach or the Recreation Director in a professional and appropriate manner.

Guests: We welcome friends, extended family, and community members to attend practices and games.

- I agree to convey this Code of Conduct and the consequences of failing to abide by it to any guests I invite or who accompany me to any practice or game. I further understand that as a parent/legal guardian of a child in this program I assume responsibility for the actions and behavior of my guests/persons who accompany me.

I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. I understand and acknowledge that failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in consequences, including but not limited to verbal warning, written warning, temporary removal from the grounds at which practice, and games are occurring, temporary suspension of my child(ren) from participation or attendance, and termination from the program. If any parent or adult family member continues to violate the Code of Conduct, it will result in a permanent removal of the offending adult from any practice or game, but the child may continue to participate with another adult or guardian present, at the discretion of the Rec Director. If the Rec Director is not present the choice will be made at the discretion of the Head coach. I understand determinations regarding such consequences are made in the sole discretion of the Recreation Department and its officials, employees, coaches, and volunteers.

I have reviewed this Code of Conduct with my child(ren): _____
(Name/Names)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date