



# Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

## Code of Conduct

Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services believes participating in sports programs are an integral part of a child's development as well as improving the quality of life for its participants. Following these guidelines, Novi Parks expects coaches, spectators and participants to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes sportsmanship, integrity, and spirit of the program.

### Coaches Code of Conduct

- Treat each coach, player, official, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.
- Provide a safe environment for players at all times.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport and teach these rules to the players.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate for all players, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development of players in the same age group.
- Organize all games and practices so that all players are challenged and have an equal opportunity to participate.
- If a coach is coaching their own child, they are to treat him/her just like the other players on the team.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Provide a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and refrain from their use at all youth sports events and practices.
- Remember above all, the game is for the children, not the adults.

Coach Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Spectators Code of Conduct**

- Learn the rules and policies of the game.
- Praise children for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Respect the coaches and officials, their authority during games and refrain from voicing loud, profane or discourteous criticism as a result of a decision made on the field of play.
- Support coaches, officials and others working with children in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Refrain from creating disturbances that would be detrimental to the flow of the game and/or the safety of the participants.
- Do not engage in, permit or promote the use of alcohol, drugs, the use of profanity or other abusive language

### **Players Code of Conduct**

- Treat coaches with respect regardless of race, gender, or ability and expect to be treated accordingly.
- Attend all practices and games and notify coaches ahead of time with special circumstances that prevent attendance.
- Try to improve on personal abilities instead of comparing or criticizing other participants in the program.
- Do not engage in the use of profanity or other abusive language.
- Graciously accept constructive criticism.
- Play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sporting events.