



PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS

As a parent of Thomasville Parks and Recreation Athletics I hereby Pledge to live up to the Thomasville Parks and Recreation Parents' Code of Ethics listed below:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- 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 place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches, officials, and league administration working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- 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 ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

Parents who fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct or do not live up to their responsibilities or expectations will be subject to disciplinary action. For violations of the Code of Conduct, the following steps will be followed:

- STEP 1: Verbal Warning
- STEP 2: Game Suspension
- STEP 3: League Suspension

These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the parent.