

# The Colony Parks and Recreation Athletics Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct



**All parents/spectators of The Colony Parks and Recreation youth athletic leagues must adhere by the following codes of conduct and policies.**

- I will provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports events.
- 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 support coaches and officials 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 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.
- I will 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 not criticize an opposing team, players, fans, coaches or team, by words or gestures.
- I and my guests will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or staff member, such as booing or taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane or threatening language or gestures or accosting another individual in a threatening manner.
- I will communicate with the coach throughout the season.
- I will not enter the field of play or player sideline. I will stay on the designated spectator sideline at all times.
- I will share my concerns pertaining to the behavior of referees, other league officials, coaches, spectators or other volunteers with the Athletics Supervisor.

## **Spectator/Parent Suspension Guidelines:**

**If a spectator or parent is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct they will be asked to immediately leave the facility, play will not resume until they have left. The following suspensions will be enforced after the ejection:**

### **Suspension One:**

If a spectator is ejected from a game they will not be allowed to attend the following game.

### **Suspension Two:**

If a spectator is ejected from a second game during the season they will not be allowed to attend games for the remainder of the season and potentially longer, depending on severity.

**\*The Colony Parks and Recreation Department will determine consequences on a case-by-case basis if infraction does not meet the above guidelines. The aforementioned suspensions will be the minimum penalty enforced and may be increased depending on severity. It is up to The Colony Parks and Recreation Department discretion to determine additional consequences for any unsportsmanlike conduct during the season.\***