

City of Ashford Recreation Department Coaches Code of Ethics

- 1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win. Expected behavior:**
 - Use appropriate language in a respectful manner when interacting with players, officials, referees, umpires, and staff.
 - Understand that City of Ashford Recreation is a recreational program that emphasizes playing time, teamwork, respect, and having fun.
 - Include all in team activities without regard to race, religion, gender, or any other legally protected classification.
 - Treat all players, officials, referees, judges, staff, coaches, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- 2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within each age group. Expected behavior:**
 - Be aware that youth may vary greatly in physical, mental, social, and emotional maturity.
 - Understand that some skills, drills, and demand are not appropriate for all youth.
 - Be aware that a child may need additional support because of a physical, mental, social, or emotional disability.
- 3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players. Expected behavior:**
 - Report any safety hazards to Directors.
 - Protect players by removing them from play if injured.
 - Communicate all player injuries with parent/guardian and Director.
 - Keep all players personal information confidential and only use it for league purposes.
- 4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players. Expected behavior:**
 - Understand that communication with parents/guardians is important regarding schedules and will do my best to inform parents about any changes to schedules or practices.
 - Realize that players may have absences from practices and games due to reasons beyond my control.
- 5. I will lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. Expected behavior:**
 - Do my best to encourage, teach, and expect good sportsmanship from my players and their players.
 - Make a valid effort to play everyone. This includes playing time and positioning.
- 6. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all Ashford Recreation Park sports events. Expected behavior:**
 - Be alcohol, tobacco, and drug free at all Ashford Recreation Park sports activities.
 - Remind spectators to refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs while at Ashford Recreation Park sports activities.
- 7. I will be knowledgeable on the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players. Expected behavior:**
 - Encourage parents and players to read the rules and answer any questions they may have.
 - Teach and require compliance of the rules from my players.
- 8. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach representing Ashford Recreation Park. I understand that the game is for the children and NOT ADULTS. Expected behavior:**
 - Maintain a positive and respectful attitude.
 - Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies.
 - Be responsible for the behavior of my parents/guardians and spectators.

Enforcement of Code of Conduct – If ejected from the Ashford Recreation Park, the coach must leave immediately. An ejection from a game will include an additional one game suspension (or more based on severity of issue).

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Coaches Printed name _____

Director _____