



Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct & Responsibilities

Cabot Parks and Recreation has implemented the following Code of Conduct for both coaches and parents as a method for promoting the important message concerning the proper role of supporting our children in sports. Coaches and parents should read, understand, and agree to the content contained in this form prior to interacting with children participating in any CPR division.

Preamble:

The essential elements of building character and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

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| Trustworthiness | Fairness | Respect |
| Caring | Responsibility | Good Citizenship |

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force a child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
3. I will remember that coaches for this program are volunteers, not paid professions, and I will accept that not all coaches possess the same level of softball knowledge.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the CPR.
6. I (and my guests) will be positive role model for my child/team and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game or team practice.
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
9. I will teach my children/team to play by the rules to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I will demand that all children treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
11. I will teach the children/team that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that a child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
12. I will praise the children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make the children feel like a winner everytime.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at any child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will emphasize skill development/practices and how they benefit children over winning, including helping coaches at practices and games as needed.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of my own desire to win.
16. I will respect the umpires/coaches and their authority during the game. I will accept the calls made by the umpires/coaches, and if I have a question or disagree, I agree to discuss the issue with the appropriate parties at an agreed upon time and place absent of children.
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child/team that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
18. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless asked to help by the coaching staff (practices only). **ABSOLUTELY NO COACHING FROM THE BLEACHERS!!!** Everything from fans, parents, and spectators during a game should be encouragement for the athletes.

Player Name _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name _____

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