

Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation

Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

- ☺ 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 my personal desire to win.
- ☺ I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- ☺ 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.
- ☺ I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- ☺ I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- ☺ I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- ☺ I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- ☺ I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, spectators and officials with respect regardless of any differences.
- ☺ I **will not** disrespectfully address any player, spectator, coach, official or staff.
- ☺ I **will not** attempt to influence a volunteer coach, official, scorekeeper or staff decision.
- ☺ I **will not** use profanity, inappropriate language or make obscene gestures.
- ☺ I **will not** object to an official's decision by rising from the bleachers or using gestures that in turn would be a detriment to the game and the participants in providing unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ☺ I **will not** enter the playing field at any time during a game.

Remember: You and any other persons that accompany you must abide by this code of ethics.