



# Lincoln Recreation

## Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

Lincoln Recreation Department strives to offer a fun learning environment for all participants. It is important to model good sportsmanship, constructive criticism, and positive reinforcement. Parents/Spectators that do not follow our Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the event. Please take a moment to read the following, and do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

### I Agree That:

- I will not force my child to participate.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth and not the adults.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I and any guest I may bring, will be a positive role model for my child, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I and any guest I may bring, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting or yelling at; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time he/she participates.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing in a competition.
- I will emphasize the importance of skill development and regular practice with younger players, and how it will benefit my child more than an emphasis on winning and competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will **NEVER** question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game field. Instead, I will take time to speak with coaches or Recreation Director at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from the use of at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the actual coaches of the team.
- If I have any concerns, regarding my child's team, coach, other spectators or any other issues, I will bring it up with the Recreation Director at an appropriate time.