

Parent Code of Conduct

Sampson County Parks & Recreation will strive to provide the best possible environment for our children to enjoy their sport and develop an understanding of sportsmanship, competition, teamwork, and fair play.

Many events taking place in school facilities do so because of the partnership that exist between the school districts and the Sampson County Parks & Recreation Department. As a guest of the school it is the responsibility of all attendees at these events to conduct themselves in a positive manner.

It is essential that the department do all things necessary to ensure that incidents of inappropriate behavior do not occur at these facilities. To achieve this goal it is crucial that we have the cooperation of coaches, parents, and spectators.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "**six pillars of character.**"

I therefore agree:

I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

I (and my guest) will be positive role models for my children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players.

I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and create a positive environment every time.

I will emphasize skill development and practices benefit my child over winning.

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 officials at the game site.

I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the above guidelines, I will be subject to the disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

Verbal warning by official, head coach, security, or staff of Sampson County Parks & Recreation

Written warning

Parental game suspension (ejection) with written documentation of incident kept on file

Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____ Date: _____