



## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Secaucus Recreation and Youth Programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is essential for all participants, parents, coaches, officials, and spectators to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and encourage all participants. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports and recreation events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating integrity, fairness, respect, and self-discipline.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in any youth sports and/or recreation event and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:**

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and positive support for all athletes, coaches, officials, parents, guardians, participants, and spectators during practices, games, and recreational and sporting events.
2. Place the desire for winning second to the emotional and physical well-being of all athletes, coaches, officials, parents, guardians, participants, and spectators.
3. Focus on the children's development of self-confidence and life learning skills through involvement in youth sports.
4. Not engage in any behavior which would endanger the safety and well-being of any athlete, coach, official, parent, guardian, participant, or spectator.
5. Treat all participants, coaches, officials, parents, guardians, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity or expression, or ability/skill level.
6. Not participate or attend any youth sporting events under the influence of or in possession of drugs and/or alcohol.
7. Understand that any form of abuse, harassment, threats, intimidation, or menacing, whether verbal or physical, towards any athlete, coach, official, parent, guardian, participant or spectator is strictly forbidden. This includes bullying and cyber bullying both on and off the field.
8. Not engage, nor encourage others to engage, in the use of offensive or threatening language or content aimed at any coach, volunteer, spectator, athlete, or parent on any social media sites. Understand that you are responsible for any social media postings, and such should be appropriate and respectful.
9. Understand that the use of profanity is forbidden. Positive cheering is encouraged.
10. Not initiate or instigate any fights or scuffles with any athlete, coach, official, parent, guardian, participant or spectator.
11. Understand that spectators and parents/guardians are not permitted on the field, near the coach's box or near any player's benches during sporting events.
12. Support the coaches and officials, and maintain a positive experience, keeping our youth recreational and sporting events fun for every child. Please keep in mind that these recreational and sporting events are meant for the children's enjoyment and positive development.
13. Any athlete/participant that is suspended from school is prohibited from attending or participating in any recreational program/activity during the duration of that suspension,

including not being able to take part in any practices, games, or trips. The recreation program/activity prohibition would be in addition to any disciplinary actions instituted by the Secaucus School District or other School Authority.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal warning issued by Secaucus Recreation.
2. Written warning issued by Secaucus Recreation.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by Secaucus Recreation personnel who are authorized to issue such suspension or ejection.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by Secaucus Recreation personnel who are authorized to issue such suspension.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by Secaucus Recreation.

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