



Suffield Parks & Recreation

Parent & Guardian Code of Ethics Agreement

The philosophy of the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department is to teach skills, fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship, and character while providing a safe, fun, and positive experience for all participants.

As a parent or guardian, I understand that my actions and behavior contribute significantly to the experience of all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. By participating in a Suffield Parks & Recreation program, I agree to the following:

1. Support the Program Philosophy

- Encourage effort, learning, sportsmanship, and personal growth over winning.
- Help create a positive environment where all children can enjoy and learn the game.

2. Sideline Behavior

- Cheer positively for all players and teams.
- Refrain from coaching players from the sidelines during games or practices.
- Avoid negative comments, criticism, or confrontational behavior toward players, coaches, officials, volunteers, or spectators.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

3. Respect for Referees and Officials

- Treat all referees and officials with respect.
- Understand that officials are human and may make mistakes.
- Refrain from arguing, confronting, criticizing, or verbally abusing referees before, during, or after games.
- Allow officials to perform their duties without interference.

4. Respect for Coaches and Volunteers

- Allow coaches to coach and make team decisions.
- Communicate concerns respectfully and at appropriate times, never during games or immediately following a contest.
- Recognize that coaches and volunteers donate significant time and effort to provide a quality experience for participants.

5. Team Placement and Playing Time

- Understand that player evaluations, team assignments, and roster decisions are made in the best interest of creating balanced and competitive teams.
- Respect all team placement decisions made by the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department.

- Understand that requests for specific coaches, teammates, or teams may not be accommodated.
- Recognize that practice schedules, team assignments, and roster placements are established to support league fairness and program operations.

6. Player Development and Sportsmanship

- Encourage players to respect teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Promote teamwork, self-discipline, accountability, and respect.
- Focus on player development and enjoyment of the game.

7. Program Rules and Expectations

- Follow all Suffield Parks and Recreation policies, procedures, and rules.
- Help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all participants and families.

I understand that failure to follow this Code of Ethics may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, removal from facilities, suspension from attending games and practices, or removal from participation in Parks and Recreation activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Child's Name(s): _____

Sport Program: Soccer

Additional Notes: _____
