



## Parents Code of Ethics

### **Purpose:**

This code of ethics has been developed by the Kingsport Parks & Recreation to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of children within the Kingsport Parks & Recreation programs.

### **Policy:**

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- 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 of 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 FOR ADULTS!
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
- 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 try to be the best Role Model I can for the youth participating in this program. This means no open criticizing of the officiating, no claiming of cheating by officials and no acting up at the games.
- I understand that there is a "Zero Tolerance" Policy and will abide by its terms and conditions.
- I understand that if I fail to adhere to this Code of Ethics I may be removed from the Recreational Facility and not return until I appear before the Kingsport Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

**Your child's success or lack of success in sports  
does not indicate what kind of parent you are.  
But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful,  
a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient  
and tries their best IS a direct reflection of your parenting.**