

## **The Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Sports Philosophy**

The Youth Sports Programs offered by the Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation Department are designed to provide a positive sports experience. The primary purpose is to offer each participant the opportunity to pursue, through recreational sports, the physical and emotional benefits of the program. We strive to maintain our sport programs so that all players will have the opportunity to gain new skills, make new friends and have fun.

The emphasis is on good sportsmanship, proper conduct, and following the rules and policies of the Parks and Recreation Department. Although competition is a natural part of sport activities, winning is not the primary goal. We not only want our participants, but also the coaches and fans to play fairly and respect others. Cheer for ones triumphs and not for their shortcomings. Win with grace and lose with dignity. Encourage others to always do their best and try their hardest. The Code of Conduct applies to all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.

### **Code of Conduct for Players**

1. Play by the rules.
2. Value safety and fair play above personal gain.
3. Accept the authority and respect the decision of all game officials.
4. Never use abusive or foul language.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play.
6. Treat all participants as you would like to be treated.
7. Always cooperate with your coach and team mates.
8. Always participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

### **Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators**

The role of parents and spectators is critical to the experience the player has in the youth sports program. Please follow these guidelines:

1. Support your child and the team in a positive manner. Cheer for your child and team, not against the opposing team.
2. Show respect for all players, coaches, game officials and other spectators. Set a positive example with your behavior.
3. Respect the decision of the officials and encourage others to do so.
4. Recognize that the children are participating in the sport for fun and their own enjoyment.
5. Abide by all regulations set forth by the schools and Recreation Dept. for facility usage.

### **Code of Conduct for Coaches**

1. Set a positive example for the players and spectators to follow.
2. Play by the rules. Respect the decision of the officials and encourage others to do so.
3. Promote good sportsmanship and coach in a positive manner.
4. Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect.
5. Congratulate all players on the performance.
6. Provide a safe and healthy environment.

The Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to remove anyone from the program or facility for failure to follow the Code of Conduct.

