

In order for a program to be truly successful, it takes the cooperation of everyone involved: players, coaches, officials, league administrators, and especially parents. Parents have the following responsibilities and expectations when participating in the City of Lincoln Recreation Department Athletic Programs.

- **Parents have a responsibility to their children:** To make sure that your children get the most out of his or her playing experience, parents should show their unwavering support, including positive reinforcement of your child's effort and performance. Parents should also be positive role models, including, but not limited to, showing proper sportsmanship at all times and refraining from negativity of any kind.
- **Parents have a responsibility to the coaches:** Coaches volunteer their personal time to spend it with your child. They need you to be supportive of their decisions and not undermine their efforts. If you don't agree with a coach, you are expected to tell that coach, but make certain it is done at the right time and place and not in front of the children. Parents are also expected to drop off and pick up their children on time for games and practices, and it is highly encouraged for parents to stay and participate in order to maintain control of the group and to assist the coach as needed.
- **Parents have a responsibility to the league:** League administrators cannot be at all games and practices of all teams. Therefore, in order to maintain the protective shell around these programs, it is essential for parents to report abusive behavior or any other situation that's needs to be addressed to the league administrator. This is the only way that these programs can achieve their intended goals.
- **Parents have a responsibility to other parents:** Personal gain and satisfaction should not be derived from your child's performance. Competition and taunting between parents is never acceptable, and no parent should ever feel embarrassed or disappointed by their team or child's performance. Good plays should always be cheered, and disappointments should always be consoled, no matter whose team it affects.
- **Parents have a responsibility to themselves:** It is your responsibility to enjoy watching your child and other children participate and learn. The joy and pride associated with watching children participate in sports should be experienced to the fullest, because a lifetime of memories are being created before your very eyes.

I hereby pledge to provide support, care, and encouragement for my child's participation in youth sports by following the Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive supports for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will support coaches & officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive & enjoyable experience for all.
- 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, & officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- 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 Conduct".

As Parent/Guardian in the City of Lincoln Recreation Department program(s), I have read and understand the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct & Expectations as outlined and will act accordingly and make sure those accompanying me act accordingly, and by signing this document, agree to adhere to them.

Parent/Guardian 1

Parent/Guardian 2 (If Applicable)

Print Full Name

Print Full Name

Signature

Signature

Date

Date