

City of Lincoln Youth Sports Player's Code of Conduct & Expectations

Participation in youth sports programs can have a lasting and meaningful effect on children's lives. Therefore, it is the goal of the City of Lincoln Recreation Department to provide the highest quality of athletic programs to ensure that a child's experience with sports is a positive one. It takes the cooperation of everyone involved, including the participant, to make this happen. Therefore, the City of Lincoln Recreation Department has established the following responsibilities for participants to adhere to.

- Remember, first and foremost I am participating in this sport to have fun.
- Remember that winning does not equate to success in youth sports.
- Remember that disrespectful or disruptive behavior is not acceptable during any and all team activities.
- Treat all practice and game facilities, and the belongings in and at those facilities, with the same respect that I would show to the belonging in my own home.
- Abide by the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game, play fair, listen to my coaches, and accept the rulings of the game officials without complaint.
- Be a good teammate by avoiding arguments and by offering encouragement to my teammates when they make mistakes.
- Learn from any mistakes I might make during a practice or a game.
- Conduct myself in accordance with the true spirit and meaning of "Good Sportsmanship": By winning without gloating and losing without complaining; and, By treating my teammates, opponents, coaches, game officials, my parents or guardians and the game itself with respect.

This Code of Conduct defines the expectations for the players in the City of Lincoln Recreation Department youth sports programs and provides the tools to be used by the City of Lincoln when necessary, to check behavior and to respond with resolve to protect all children from psychological, emotional, physical, or social abuses that can be perpetrated against them. Players failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct may be subject to the following disciplinary actions.

1. Warning to and/or apology
2. Probation
3. One game suspension
4. Multiple game suspension
5. Season suspension
6. Permanent suspension

As an applicant to play in the City of Lincoln Recreation Department program(s), I have read and understand the Players' Code of Conduct as outlined, and by signing this document, agree to adhere to them.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

