

Channahon Park District: Athletics Code of Ethics

The Park District is dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in sports through the enforcement of the Code of Ethics among its volunteer coaches. This Code of Ethics defines the expectations for adults serving as coaches in youth sports and provides the tools to be used by the Park District, when necessary, to check behavior and to respond with resolve to protect children from the myriad of abuses that can be perpetrated against them by youth sport coaches.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child and other children participating in youth sport by adhering to the following **Athletics Code of Ethics**:

- I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco while in contact with players on Park District property.
- I will not criticize coaches, players, officials, or parents/fans at games or practices.
- I will not dispute the decisions of officials during or after a game.
- I understand that any concerns or complaints that I may have should be addressed to the site supervisor or athletic supervisor, not directly with coaches or officials.
- I will keep the sporting environment safe and clean at all times and follow all Park District rules for use of facilities and grounds.
- I will not jeopardize a player’s health by allowing him/her to enter or re-enter a game once he/she is injured.
- I will ensure that team activities serve as a foundation for life learning and are structured to help the athletes achieve their potential.
- I will always place the athlete first and winning second - winning is dependent on teamwork.
- I will always exemplify and follow the rules of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- I will not use abusive and/or profane language toward any coach, player, official, or parent at games or practices.
- I will play each child equally as mandated by the Park District, and I will rotate my players equally and fairly.
- I understand that I can be asked to leave the field at any time by a referee or field supervisor. If at any time, I am asked to leave the facility/field by a Park District employee or an official, I understand that I will not be allowed in the facility/at the field for the next game. If this happens a second time, I understand that I will not be allowed in the facility/at the field for the remainder of the season.

Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Enforcement – The Park District will respond to complaints made against any coach that has allegedly violated the Code of Ethics. In order for the Recreation Department to take appropriate action when a coach is found to have violated the Code of Ethics, the following has been developed to accompany the Code of Ethics:

Possible Actions Include:

- One game suspension
- Multiple game suspension
- Indefinite suspension (length of time TBD by Athletic Supervisor)