

Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department

Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship

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The primary purpose of this policy is to ensure that players, coaches, referees, scorekeepers, event staff, field supervisors, and parents have a positive and rewarding experience free from verbal and physical abuse.

Lakewood Recreation Department **will not tolerate** during games, practices, or events at any of our facilities, the following behavior, but not limited to:

- Verbal harassment
- Name-calling
- Audible statements that question another person's capabilities or intentions.
- Suggesting players or coaches engage in unsportsmanlike behavior.

Please note that this is not meant to be an exhaustive list, and any behavior deemed harmful, abusive, or unsportsmanlike by anyone shall be addressed according to this policy.

A warning will be issued for a first offense. but further action may be taken on a case by case basis. Disciplinary actions will be reviewed by our Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission (CREC).

Sportsmanship Responsibilities

The expectation under this policy for any Lakewood Recreation program participants (players, coaches, family members, spectators and staff) are outlined below.

Players:

- Players shall always compose themselves and interact with respect towards their teammates, coaches, officials, sidelines, and opponents.
- Players shall come to practices and matches ready to play: well fed, rested, with water, with proper equipment, and with a good attitude.
- Players shall be responsible for communicating positively with coaches regarding absences, lateness, injuries, field position, etc.
- Players will commit to working hard, improving their game, and having fun.

Coaches/Staff:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of the child ahead of a desire to win.
- Remember that the game is for fun and skill development.

Families/Spectators:

- Support players by being positive before, during, and after team games.
- Do not attempt to coach or direct plays during practices or games.
- Do not communicate with officials or opponents at games
- Communicate with the coach about player development, playtime, and personality issues at an appropriate time. Not during practices or games.

Report any events to the Recreation Office immediately: leslie.krogman@lakewoodcityschools.org