



City of Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services Parent/Coach & Spectator Code of Conduct

Welcome to Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services. We hope that you and your child enjoy their athletic experience. In order to ensure a safe and pleasant season, please read through the following rules and guidelines.

1. No alcohol or tobacco use (smoking, chew, etc.) on school district or city property during practices or games. This includes sidewalks, parking lots or any part of the property.
2. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. Do not leave your child at the practice or game site without adult supervision. Please arrive 15 minutes before your practice or game is scheduled to be over. Remember, coaches are volunteers and not a baby sitting service.
3. No swearing or abusive language at any time to anyone. Parents and spectators are not allowed to disrupt the game in any way. Please be conscientious of those around you by what you say and do. What may seem to be an innocent comment could end up offending or intimidating another parent or coach. More often than not, what starts off as a harmless remark or comeback, leads to a heated argument or altercation. There is no place for that in youth activities.
4. During games, parents should cheer on their child or team and not shout out instructions. Please allow the coaches to do the coaching during the game. Your input can and in most cases does hinder your child's quality of play. This leads to more yelling of instructions which flusters the child even more. Most of the time, a parents instruction or correction is done with the best of intentions, but only leads to failure or disappointment for the child. Remember, cheer and encourage your child, which will mean more to them than anything. No child wants to have their parents referred to as "those parents" in the stands.
5. Be Positive! You can achieve more by positive reinforcing comments and actions than you can by correction and criticism. Kids know when they've made a mistake and will self-critique and self-criticize how they did. What they need to hear are comments like "keep up the good work" and "you're doing great" as well as pointing out improvements and specific great plays. Keep the game fun!
6. Any coach, parent or spectator that is told to leave by the official or any argument or altercation between a coach, parent or spectator, verbal or physical, before, during or after a game, inside or outside the facility, will be subject to a **minimum** one (1) game suspension. No coach, parent or spectator will be allowed to attend another game until they have fulfilled their game(s) suspension requirements **and** met with the Program Coordinator and completed the Code of Conduct video and worksheet.
7. Remember - participants are not allowed to wear any jewelry (necklaces, earrings, studs, bracelets, etc.) while playing. Those participants that have medical I.D. bracelets may wear a wristband over the bracelet. Hair control devices may be worn if made of soft material and not for adornment.
8. The City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Kent School District cooperate to provide the finest in quality **recreational** programs for the youth of our community. The cooperation has for many years provided the opportunity for all boys and girls to participate equally with the assurance that the experience will be memorable with the emphasis on learning, exercising, building self-esteem, having **fun** and learning sportsmanship. Please encourage and support your team, the coaches, their assistants, and the officials. Negative actions will not be tolerated.
9. Watch the game. Enjoy the game. Praise your child!