



Brookline Recreation Code of Conduct

Mission and Purpose

The Brookline Park and Recreation Commission is dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in sports through the creation and enforcement of the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct defines the expectations for all participants affiliated with Brookline Recreation youth sports. The Commission firmly believes that for any youth sports to be positive, safe, enjoyable and fun learning experiences, all participants must be held accountable for their behavior. This Code of Conduct explains the tools to be used by the Park and Recreation Commission to ensure that all participants are provided with a positive and enriching experience.

Respect, Sportsmanship and Positive Interactions

Participants are expected to maintain a high level of respect, sportsmanship and positive interactions with all affiliated with the delivery of the youth sport. All participants must;

- Respect and support all coaches, officials, players, teammates, opponents, parents, spectators and staff affiliated with the delivery of the sport;
- Respect facilities, grounds and equipment;
- Respect the integrity of the sport, including the rules and fundamentals of the game set forth by the league and by our community youth sport partners;
- Cheer for and support teammates;
- Always try one's best;
- Treat all participants in a positive and encouraging manner

Positive Interactions foster an experience for continued participation, personal growth and wellness. Positive Interactions are defined as;

- Displaying good sportsmanship at all times towards all participants;
- Provide a safe and supportive environment that encourages all participants to learn, have fun, be social and challenge themselves;
- Use of appropriate language and refrain from use of foul language, taunting, fighting, criticizing, badgering, or jeering at anyone, understanding that ejection from the youth sport activity is a possibility for such behavior
- Negative Reinforcement, isolation, individual or team punishment/retaliation will not be tolerated. Disciplinary actions will occur if/when found to be occurring.



Discipline

Any player, coach, assistant coach or parent/guardian of a player who is a discipline problem, who throws their hat, helmet, bat, ball, or glove in anger, uses foul language, or any other actions detrimental to the Brookline Recreation Code of Conduct will be removed from the game/practice and/or league participation as coaches, officials, players, teammates, opponents, parents, spectators and staff affiliated and required to leave the area. This rule may be enforced by the player's coach (where applicable), umpire, referee, and/or designee of the Recreation Department.

Any mischievous behavior or inappropriate conduct on the bench will also result in removal from the game. Examples include:

- Players will direct all cheering towards their own teammates and shall refrain from taunting, criticizing or jeering at opposing players. Badgering, name-calling or use of foul language by a coach, whether directed at an umpire, coach, player or spectator will not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will result in a warning to the coach followed by ejection from the game.
- Cursing or fighting is cause for immediate ejection from the game, and repeated offenses will result in player(s) or coach(es) being barred from participating in future games or practices.
- League specific guidelines may supersede the guidelines set here. Said leagues will enforce the guidelines and expectations set forth during participation in the sport specific league and will be provided prior to participation.
- Any coaches, officials, players, teammates, opponents, parents, spectators and staff affiliated may be removed from participation at the discretion of the Recreation department.

Role of All Participants

Athlete: youth engaged in safe, fun and healthy activities while encouraging team mates and self to do their best.

Parent: Encourage participation through commitment to the league and the rules and regulations of the sport and Code of Conduct.

Coach: Adult responsible for the sport instructions, practices, games and overall team experience

Official: employee assigned to maintain the rules and regulations of the specific youth sports match.

Staff: Employee or volunteer affiliated with the Youth Sports league

Spectators: Community members attending league practices and matches.

Partner Organizations: Youth sports organizations that utilize Town of Brookline facilities to provide the services of the Sports specific youth sports league.