



Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Thompson Rivers Parks & Recreation (TRPR) is implementing the following sport parent/guardian code of conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents/guardians should read and understand this form prior to the start of the season.

- I will remember that children participate to have FUN and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any medical conditions, physical or mental disabilities, or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. (*Rules posted on TRPR.org*)
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting events.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent including but not limited to: booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or entering the court/field of play during game time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches on the court/field, and will take the time to speak with the coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all TRPR sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am an official coach of the team.

At the discretion of the coaching staff and/or Facility Supervisor; if a parent or guardian is guilty of improper conduct at a game or practice, we will use the following protocol:

1. The parent/guardian will receive one verbal warning from a coach or supervisor, followed up with documentation of the incident as well as reporting the behavior within 24 hours to the Recreation Director.
2. After a verbal warning has been given, whether it be that same day or weeks later, the second step will be immediate removal from the practice/game. The incident will be documented.
 - The child may continue to play at the practice/game as long as they have a ride home.
3. After steps 1 and 2 have been taken, we have no choice but to completely ban the parent/guardian for the remainder of the calendar year. The incident will be documented.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain a safe and friendly environment for the residents of our community and most importantly our children!