



Youth Sports Code of Conduct

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows the Belle Plaine Parks and Recreation Commission to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully before registering for each season. Each participant and coach is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct online before the season begins, and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action including suspension - either temporarily or permanently as determined by the Belle Plaine Parks and Recreation Commission Board.

Code of Conduct for Players

- I will be a good sport to players, coaches, officials, opponents, and parents at every game and practice, no matter win or lose.
- I will learn the value of commitment by participating in as many practices and games as I can.
- I will encourage my teammates and praise good efforts.
- I will be honest, fair, and respectful to others at all times.
- I will aim to learn all I can from sports.
- I will arrive at practice on time and be ready to dedicate my attention to my coaches.

Code of Conduct for Parents

- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.
- I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use any profanity.
- I will not yell advice to my child during a game.
- I will model good sportsmanship for all youth participants.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event—in public, private, in-person, or online.
- I will do my part to keep sports fun and positive for every youth participant.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

- I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning games is secondary to building a positive youth sports experience for my players, parents of my players, and opposing teams.
- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will follow all safety protocols of the league.
- I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a respectful tone.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event-in public, private, in person, or online.
- I will treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect and represent my community in a positive manner.