

Shrewsbury Borough Recreation Committee

Code of Conduct

Coaches' Code of Conduct

The Coach Shall:

- Be aware that he/she has a tremendous influence for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Uphold the honor and dignity of the position and strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- Avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with the players.
- Understand the rules of the games and shall teach them to her/his players.
- Exert his/her influence to enhance sportsmanship by both the players and spectators.
- Respect and support all game officials and shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
- Meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone before and after the game and shall promote this behavior to her/his players.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- Respect public property and equipment.

Parents' Code of Conduct

The Parent Shall:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Remember that the game is for youth – not adults.
- Do my very best to make sports fun for my child.
- Ask my child to treat other player, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- Promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation
- Never force my child to play sports.
- Understand that youth sports are not a babysitting activity.
- Require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach uphold the Coaches' Code of Conduct.
- Respect public property and equipment

Participants' Code of Conduct

The Participant Shall:

- Accepts accountability for own behavior and outcomes.
- Honor own obligations and promises.
- Exercise self-control.
- Be willing to be fair with others in my dealings on and off the playing field.
- Take pride in myself and my accomplishments, but never at the expense of demeaning others.
- Respect the efforts of others, including but not limited to the players, coaches, officials and fans.
- Respect authority.
- Respect public property and equipment.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Play by the spirit, not just the letter, of the rules of the game and the rules of life.
- Strive to make my community – whether that is the team on which I play or the community in which I live – better because of my contributions as a member and as a citizen.

Parents/Coaches, by signing the opposite side of this document, you acknowledge the Code of Conduct stated above and agree to explain the Participants' Code of Conduct to your child. If you or your child fails to abide by the aforementioned Code of Conduct, disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to; suspension from the game and or the remainder of the season, game forfeiture, mandatory attendance to an anger management class before any suspension is lifted. Please note that this Code of Conduct was adopted by the Shrewsbury Borough Recreation Committee to comply with the New Jersey State Law that went into effect in August of 2002. A copy of the law is available at the Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Building.
